

***Community Recreation Plan  
City of Rockford  
2019-2022***



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## Introduction

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This plan, entitled *City of Rockford, Community Recreation Plan 2019-2022* replaces the previous plan entitled, *Community Recreation Plan 2012-2018, City of Rockford*.

The plan was developed through the guidance of a City of Rockford Planning Commission.

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 five hundred participants, a publicly advertised “Pizza and Parks” open house, an invited stakeholder meeting of community leaders, 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.

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 Plan 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.



## Community Description Section

The Community Description Section 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 replatted 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 shows the City of Rockford and the regional area.

**City of Rockford Regional Location Map**

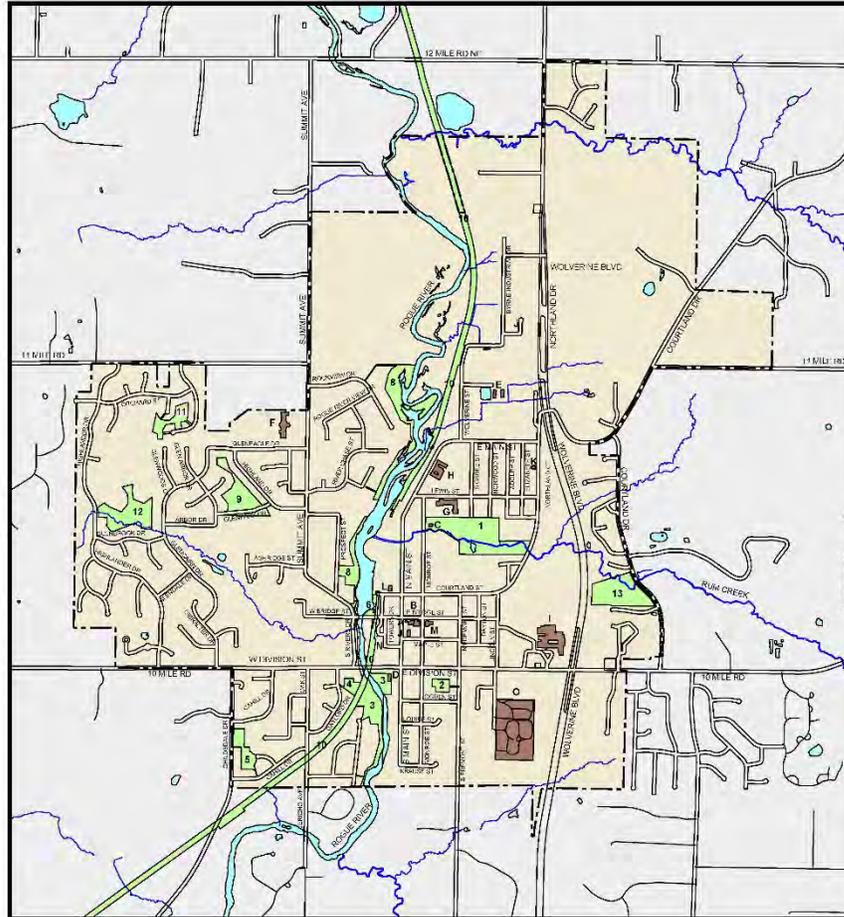


## Rockford City Limits

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



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## CITY OF ROCKFORD



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### PARKS AND TRAILWAYS:

1. MEMORIAL PARK
2. ROTARY PARK
3. RICHARDSON-SOWERBY PARK
4. PICKETT PARK
5. CAHILL PARK
6. GARDEN CLUB PARK
7. PEPLER PARK
8. ROGUE RIVER NATURE TRAIL
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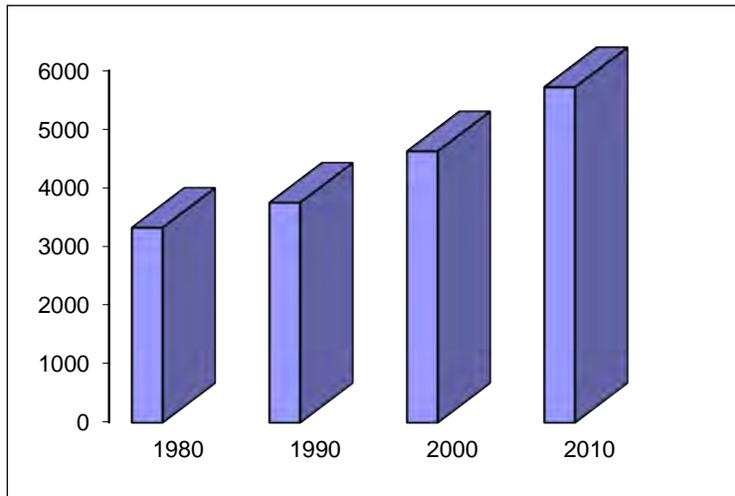
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**Population Data**

Based on the 2010 U.S. Census, the total population of the City of Rockford was 5,719 persons. This represented 23.6% in growth from the 2000 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 median age is 33.7 years of age within the City

**Total U.S. Census Data Population Shown for 1980-2010.**



The Townships surrounding the City of Rockford were also experiencing considerable growth from the 1990 to the 2010 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 Census	2000 Census	% Dif.	2010 Census	% Dif
City of Rockford	3,750 persons	4,626 persons	23.4%	5,719 persons	23.6%
Courtland Township	3,950 persons	4,926 persons	47.3%	7,678 persons	55.8%
Cannon Township	7,928 persons	12,075 persons	52.3%	13,336 persons	10.4%
Algoma Township	5,496 persons	7,596 persons	38.2%	9,932 persons	30.7%
Plainfield Township	24,946 persons	30,195 persons	21.0%	30,952 persons	2.5%

### **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 the Rogue Valley Towers senior apartment building located in the downtown area adjacent to the shopping district, Richardson-Sowerby Park, White Pine and Rogue River Trails, and the Dam Area. A second facility is at 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 2010 U.S. Census did not quantify population having disabilities within the City of Rockford, it did indicate that 6.3% of school aged children have a disability. Additionally, national census data shows that 18.7% of the overall populations are indicated as having a disability. This information regarding disability status provides background information useful in reviewing accessibility needs within the parks.

## **Administrative Structure Section**

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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. The City Council is led by the Mayor who is elected from the City Council membership by the City Council. The City Council selects and retains the City Manager to oversee the implementation of the City budgets and policies through the administration of City staff members.

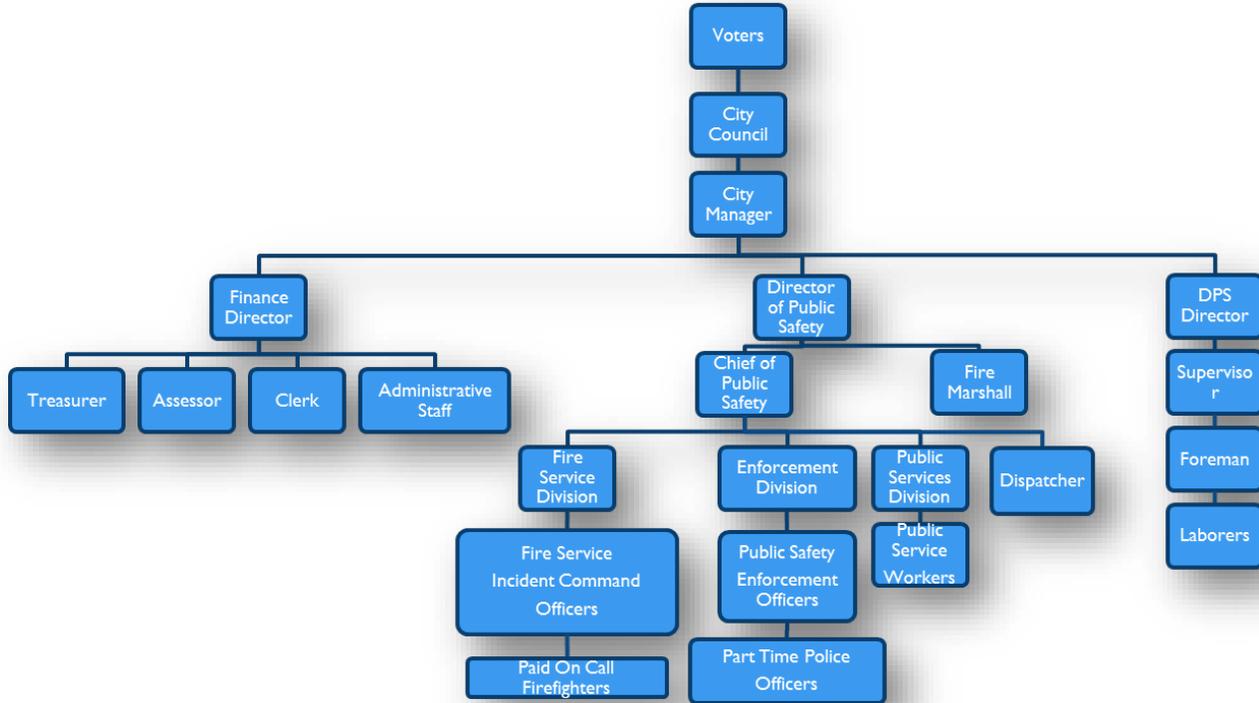
### **Planning Commission Involvement**

The Planning Commission participated in the development of this planning document. Through this process, the Planning Commission met in special sessions to review the existing parks, host workshop sessions, and prioritize the future needs and desires for recreation within the community. The Planning Commission, through resolution, supported the draft plan and submittal of the plan to the City Council for formal Adoption.

### **City and Staff Organization and Chart**

The City Manager administers the staff and day-to-day operations for the City. Staff persons directly related to the operations and maintenance of the parks are twelve persons within the Department of Public Works. 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 general funds of the City. Secondary funding is provided through community donations and grants. For the fiscal year 2018-2019 the General Fund budget is \$3 million. Within the General Fund, \$320,675.00 is appropriated for the care and maintenance of the City’s parks and an additional \$381,000 is budgeted for 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.

### 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.



## Recreation Inventory and Resources Section

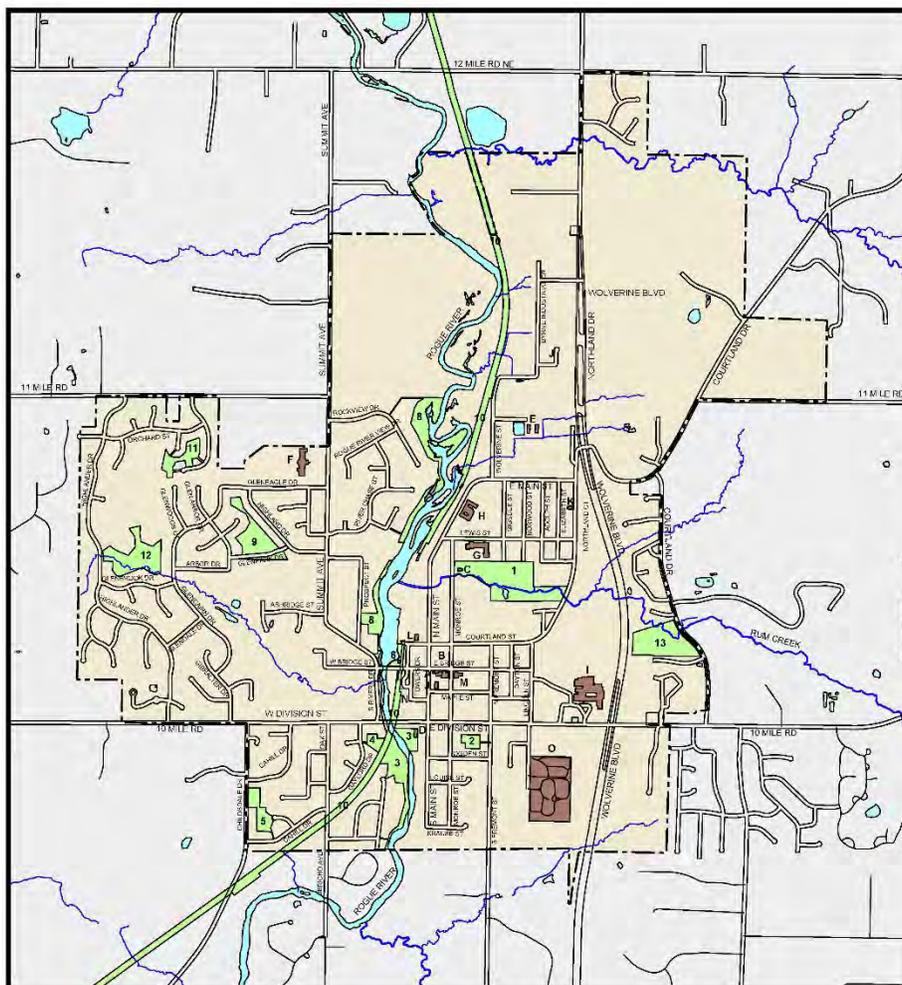
### City of Rockford Parks

The City of Rockford currently has twelve public parks 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

Park	Picnic	Fishing	Water Access	Natural Areas	Pathway	White Pine Tr. Access
Cahill Park	◇	x	x	◇	x	x
Dam Area/ Peppler	◇	◇	Rogue River	x	◇	◇
Garden Club Park	◇	Bank	Rogue River	x	◇	◇
Glen Park	◇	x	x	◇	x	x
Heritage Park	◇	x	x	◇	◇	x
Memorial Park	◇/Lodge	◇	Rum Creek	◇	◇	x
Pickett Park	◇	x	x	x	◇	◇
Peppler Park	◇	◇	Rogue River	x	◇	◇
Richardson-Sowerby	◇/Shelter	◇	Rogue River	◇	◇	◇
Riverfront Walkway	◇/Shelter	x	Rogue River	◇	◇	◇
Rotary Park	◇	x	x	x	x	x
Rogue River Nature Trail	◇	◇	Rogue River	◇	x	◇
Park	Play Equipment	Basketball	Lawn Play	Restrooms	Parking	Developed
Cahill Park	x	x	x	x	Street	x
Dam Area/ Peppler	x	x	x	x	In Park	◇
Garden Club Park	x	x	x	x	City Lot	◇
Glen Park	◇	x	◇	x	Street	◇
Heritage Park	◇	◇	x	◇	Street	◇
Memorial Park	◇	◇	◇	◇	In Park	◇
Pickett Park	◇	x	◇	x	In Park	◇
Peppler Park	x	x	x	x	City Lot	◇
Richardson-Sowerby	◇	x	◇	◇	City Lot	◇
Riverfront Walkway	x	x	x	x	City Lot	◇
Rotary Park	◇	◇	◇	x	In Park	◇
Rogue River Nature Trail	x	x	x	x	Street	x

## City of Rockford Map with Park and School Locations



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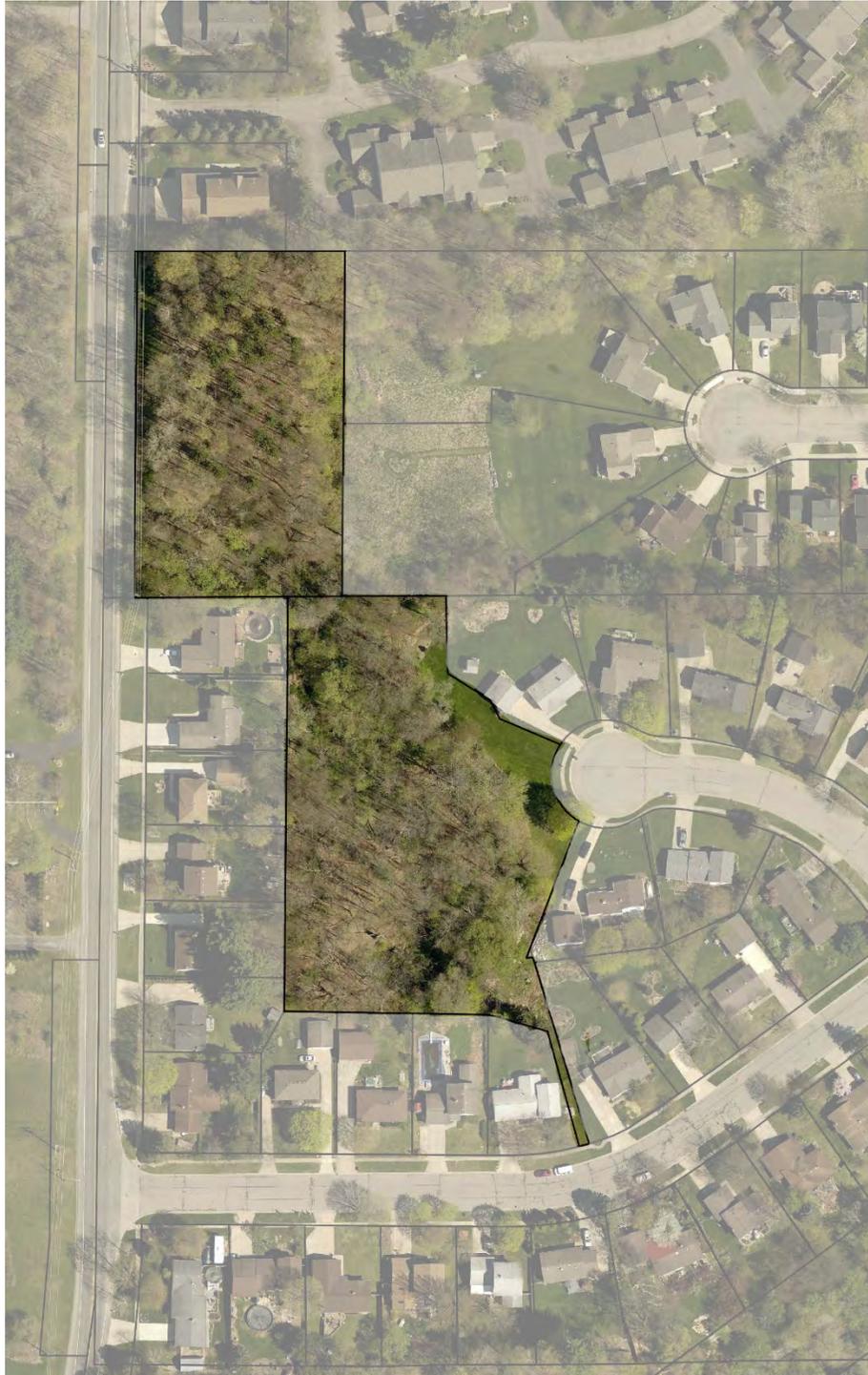
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**Cahill Park**

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

**Cahill Park-An Open Green Space**

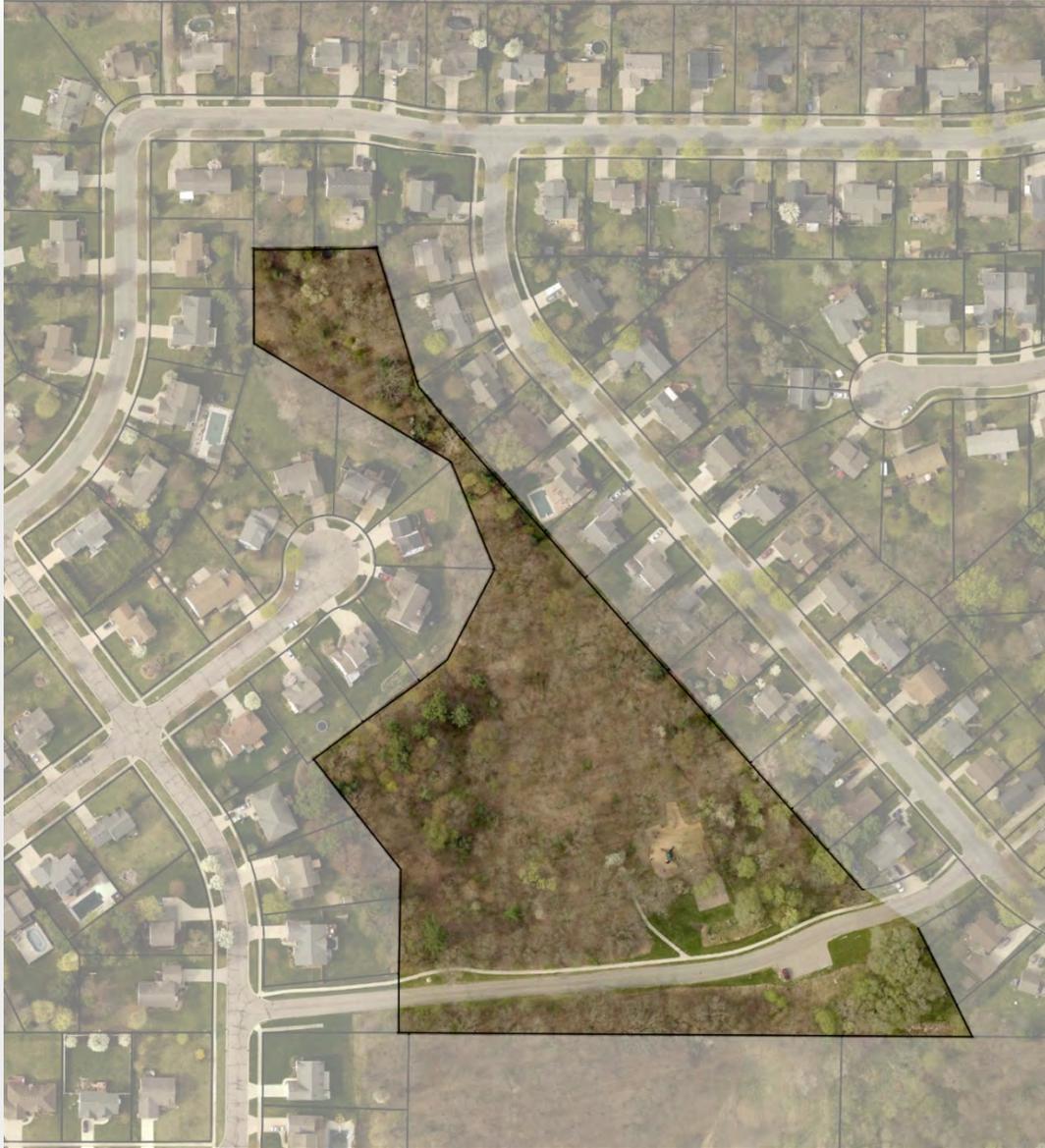


**Glen Park**

Glen Park is a nine-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 Park is a newer seven-acre park located in the northwest region of the City within the Heritage neighborhood. The park

was created as part of the initial sub-division development. Facilities include a play area, restroom building, ½ basketball court, a paved pathway and natural areas.

**Heritage Parkland and Nature Trail - Prior to Development of Facilities**



**Heritage Park**

Highland Park is an 8.3 acre park that is an undeveloped natural area. Access to the park is only available from private property at this time. However, it is in the center of

proposed future housing developments which will include public access to the park and provide green space within the expected density.

**Heritage Park**



**The Dam Area Parks: Including Peppler Park, Garden Club Park, the Dam, Portions of the Rogue River Trail and Frederik Meijer White Pine State Trail**

The Dam Area includes the walkway across the dam which connects to Peppler Park, the Dam Area Park, Garden Club Park, the Rogue River Trail and the Frederik Meijer White Pine State Trail. The dam 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 dam walkway also provides a unique connection between the western neighborhoods and the downtown.

Dam Area Park is the 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 the Dam Area Park is Garden Club Park. The Frederik Meijer White Pine State Trail is constructed on the old railroad right of way through Garden Club Park. Garden Club Park provides additional public river frontage above the dam, picnic areas and seating, as well as a small stage for

summer concerts. Also located within Garden Club Park is the Michael F. Young Memorial.

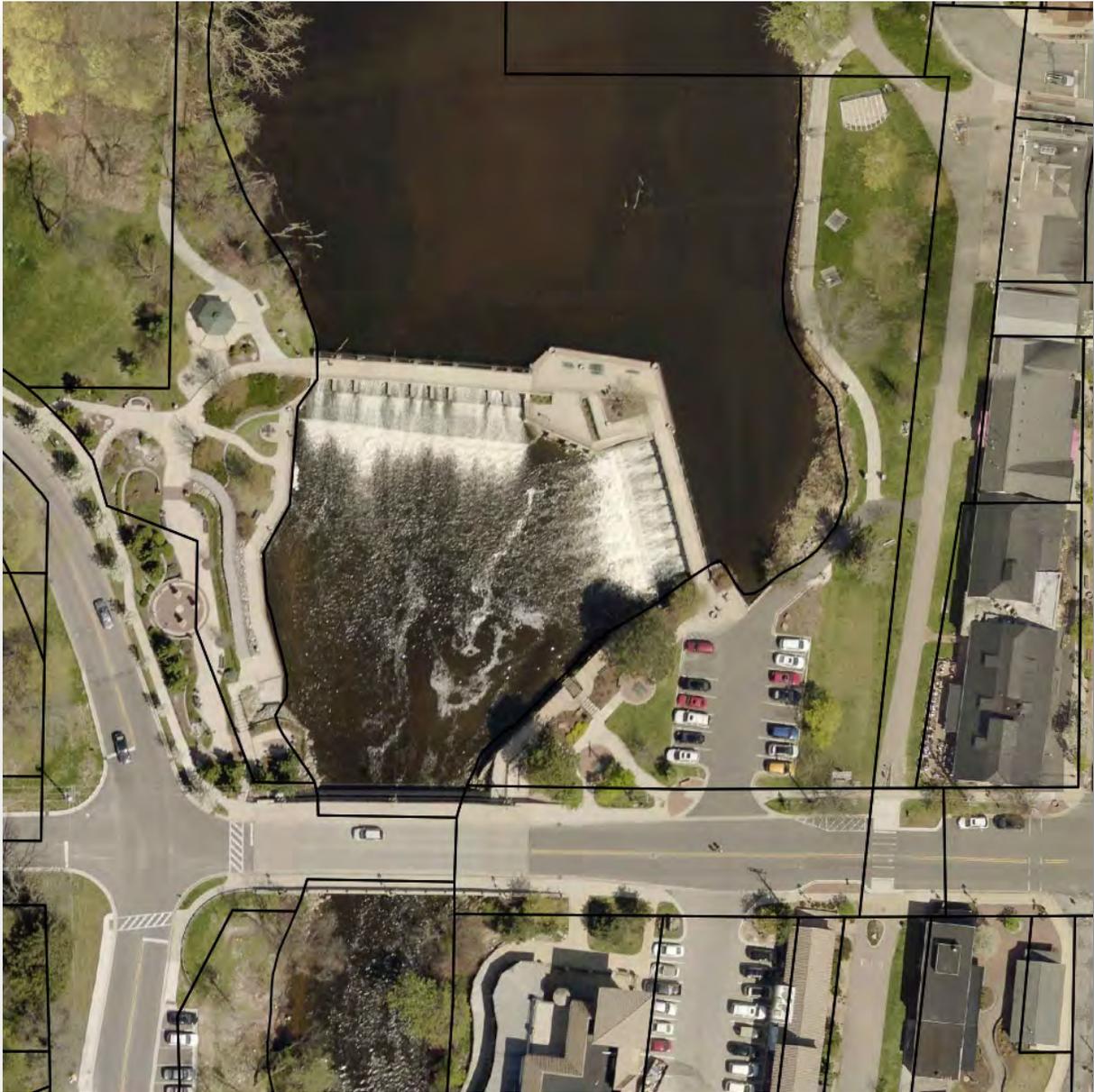
On the west side of the dam is Peppler Park. Peppler Park is a ½ acre park located on the banks of the river and comprised of a terraced walkway and seating areas. A connecting walkway provides access from the neighborhood to the dam, as well as public access to the river. The park is also the home of 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.

See the aerial image on the next page of these areas.

Proposed for construction in 2019 is the extension of the Rogue River Nature Trail to the south on the west side of the Rogue River from the bridge to 10 Mile Rd. This extension will include boardwalks, river access and viewing, and well as fishing opportunities.

## ***Dam Area 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. The Dam Overlook crosses the river in between the parks on each side.*

**Memorial Park**

Located on twenty 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 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 Frederik Meijer White Pine State Trail and Richardson-Sowerby Park.

**Pickett Park**

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



**Richardson-Sowerby Park**

Richardson Sowerby Park is located south of the main downtown and dam area. The park encompasses nearly 13 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 Frederik Meijer White Pine State Trail.

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. The east side facility has a large picnic pavilion, play area, restroom building, picnic tables, and benches.

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 Frederik Meijer White Pine State Trail, from Longview Drive, from Pickett Park, or across the pedestrian bridge from the east side of the park.

An aerial photo of the park is located on the next page.

**East and West Sides of Richardson-Sowerby Park**



**Rotary/Jaycees Park**

Rotary/Jaycees Park is a small 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 open lawn area.

**Rotary/Jaycees Park**



## 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 guidelines 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 understand 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.

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## ADA Accessibility Review of Each Park

The MNDR 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 site elements meet the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design.

2=some of the elements meet the Standards

3=Most of the elements meet the Standards.

4=All of the elements meet the Standards.

5=the facility meets the 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 Park**

Cahill Park 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 site elements meet the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design.

### **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 of the elements meet the Standards.

### **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 of the elements meet the Standards.

### **Heritage Park**

Heritage Park is a park within the City developed by the residential developer and deeded to the City. The facilities include new 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. 2=some of the elements meet the Standards.

### **Memorial Park**

Memorial Park is a historical park within the City. Over the last few years many of the facilities have been renovated and new facilities added. These include an accessible riverfront and wetland walkway, picnic tables, and benches. The Community Cabin rental lodge was renovated to include 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 was recently renovated to include new accessible playground equipment and accessible unitary surfacing. Rating: 3=Most of the elements meet the Standards.

### **Pickett Park**

Pickett Park was developed since the Americans with Disabilities Act and is a totally accessible park. The park has accessible parking, walkway with a connection to the Frederik Meijer White Pine State Trail, playground, benches and picnic tables. 4=All of the elements meet the Standards.

### **Richardson-Sowerby Park**

Richardson-Sowerby Park is located on both sides of the Rogue River just

south of downtown and adjacent to the Frederik Meijer White Pine State Trail. 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 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 of the elements meet the Standards.

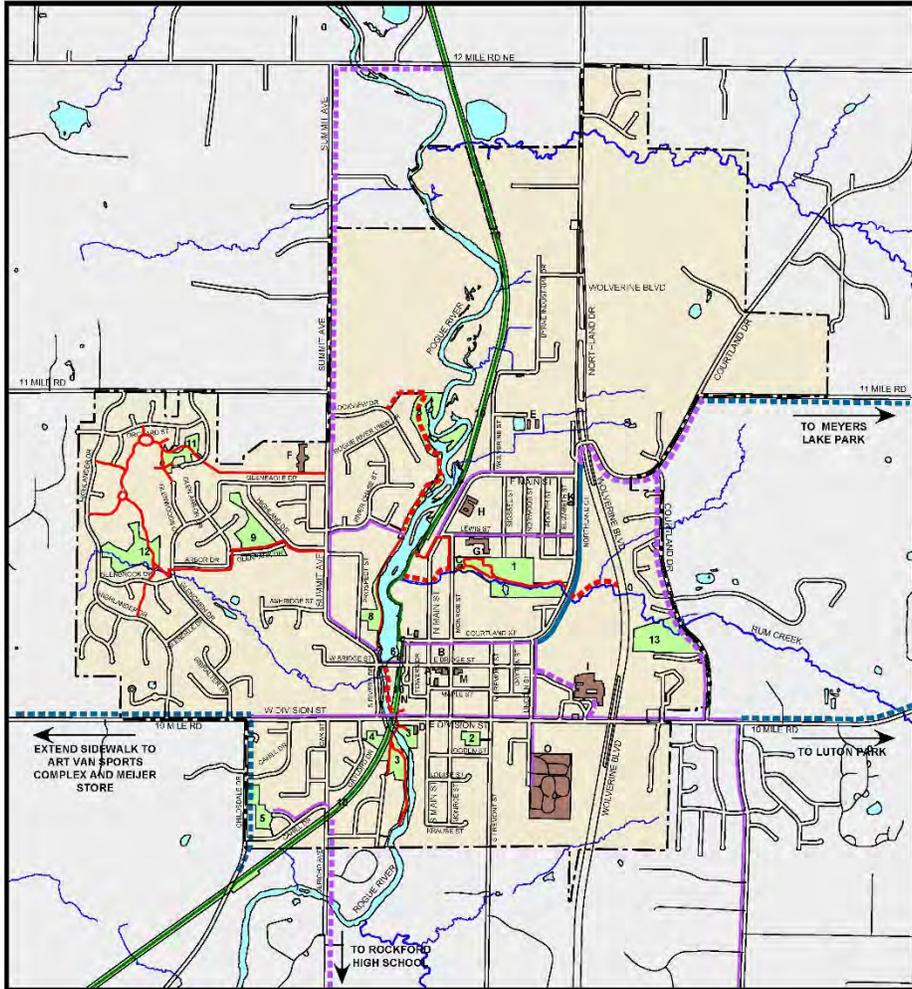
### **Rotary/Jaycees Park**

Rotary/Jaycee Park is located within the adjacent residential neighborhood. Facilities include an accessible parking lot, walkways, playground equipment, basketball court, picnic tables and benches. There is also an open green space. 4=All of the elements meet the Standards.

### **Rogue River Nature Trail**

The Rogue River Nature Trail through a MNRTF grant developed an accessible walkway with fishing and wildlife viewing decks. With these facilities completed in 2008, the facilities within the park meet accessibility guidelines. 4=All of the elements meet the Standards.

**City of Rockford Trails & Linkages Map**



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**CITY OF ROCKFORD**  
Trails and Linkages



**PARKS AND TRAILWAYS:**

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**LEGEND:**

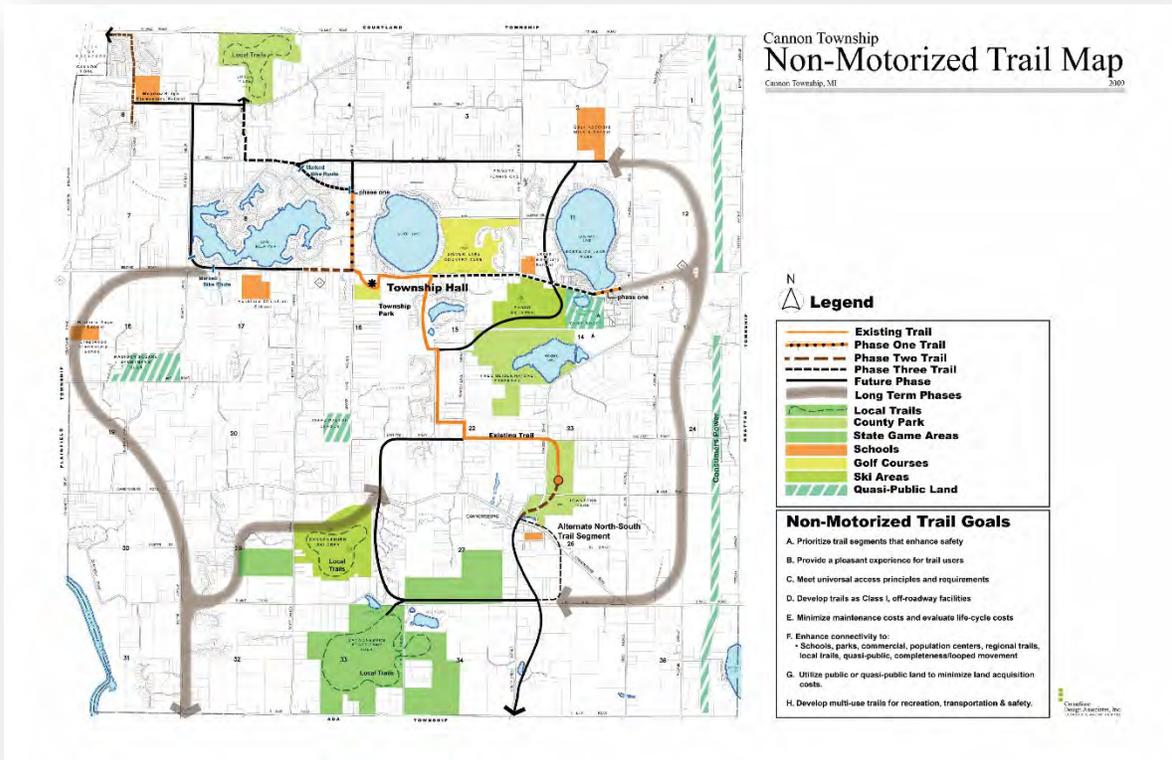
- PUBLIC PARK
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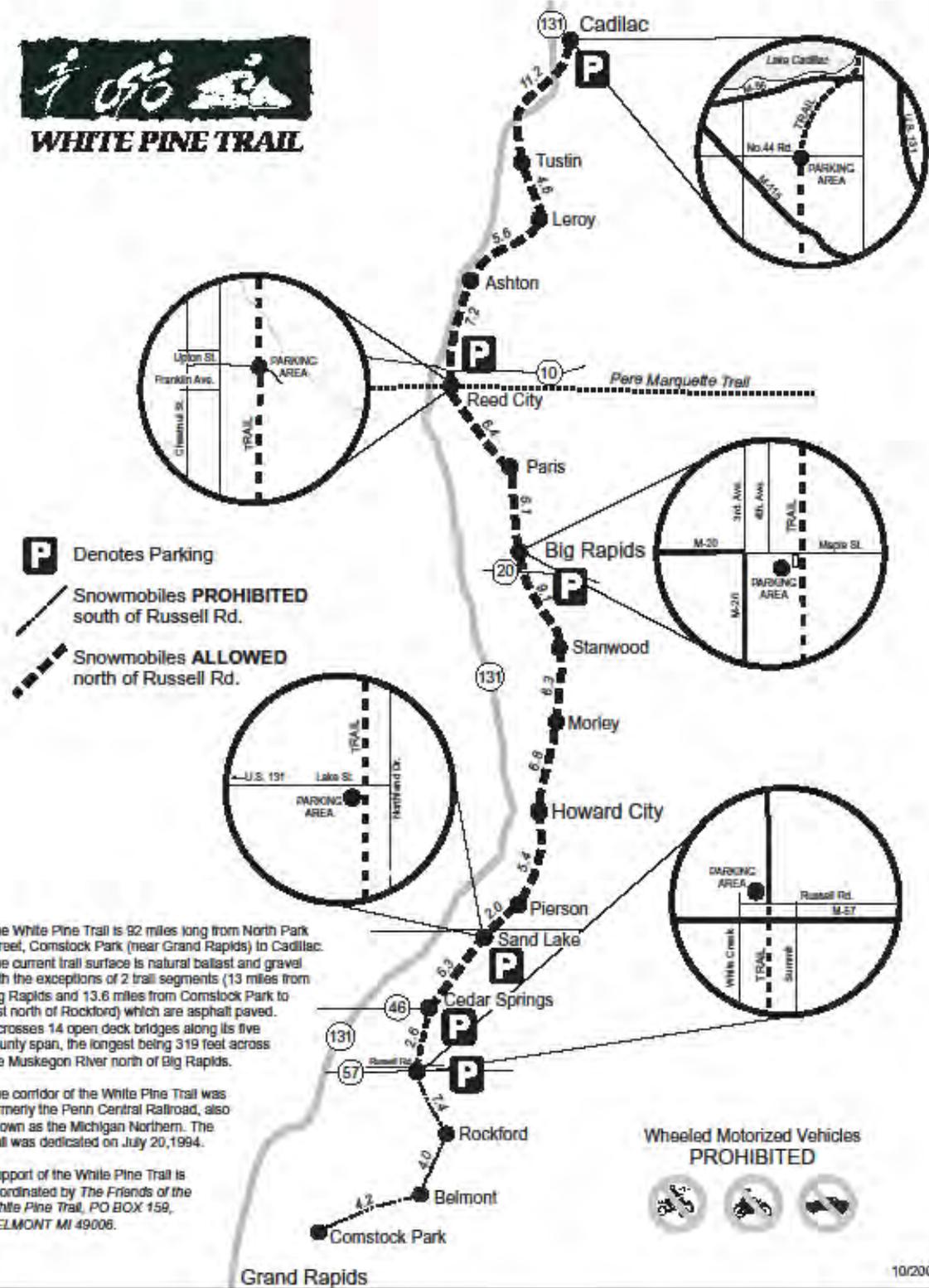
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# Cannon Township Non-Motorized Trail Map





### **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, two 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, ball diamond 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 fields 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:

### **Frederik Meijer White Pine State Trail, State of Michigan**

The Frederik Meijer White Pine State Trail is part of the statewide trail system under development 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, totally approximately 90 miles of trail. The trail currently passes through 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**

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

### **Art Van 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

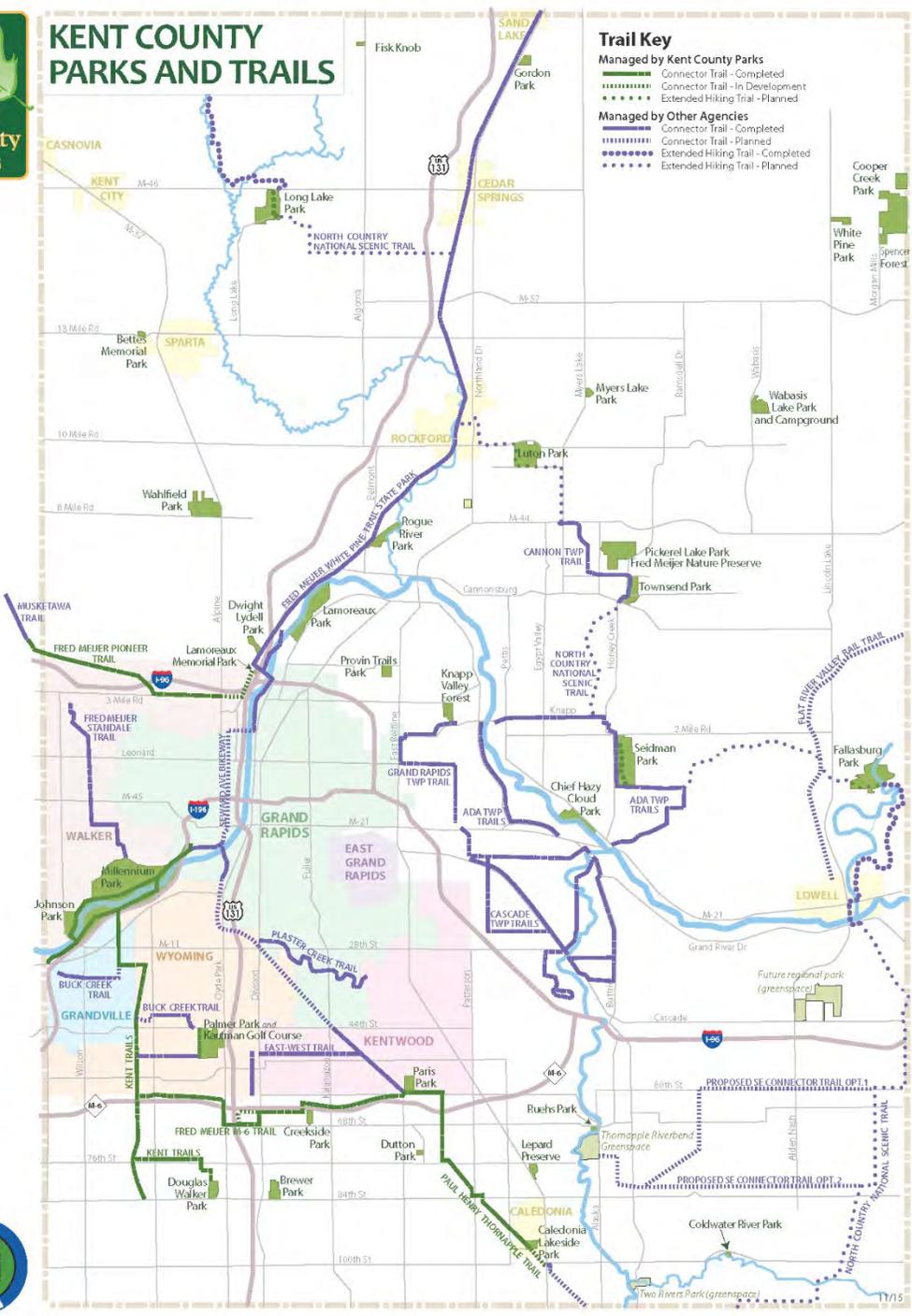
### **Big Muskrat Lake, Grattan Twp.**

Public access and fishing



# KENT COUNTY PARKS AND TRAILS

- ### Trail Key
- Managed by Kent County Parks**
- Completed Connector Trail
  - - - In Development Connector Trail
  - Planned Extended Hiking Trail
- Managed by Other Agencies**
- Completed Connector Trail
  - - - Planned Connector Trail
  - Completed Extended Hiking Trail
  - Planned Extended Hiking Trail



### **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.

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### **Other Recreation Programs Offered by Non-Profit Organizations**

#### **Rockford Little League**

The Rockford Little League provides youth baseball and softball leagues.

#### **AYSO Soccer, Basketball, and Volleyball**

Athletic leagues for boys and girls within the community for soccer, basketball, and volleyball.

#### **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:

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**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 Frederik Meijer White Pine State Trail. Additional facilities have been added to the park since the completion of the grant.

**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.:** 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:** 26-01508 (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.:** 26-01459 (1986)

**Project Title:** Rockford Pepler Park

**Grant Amount:** \$15,143.92

**Status:** Completed and Closed Out

**Constructed:** Boardwalk and walkways, picnic tables and benches.

**Current Use:** Pepler 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.:** 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 Frederik Meijer White Pine Trail, 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-Sowbery Park including fishing docks. The pathway also links to the Frederik Meijer White Pine State Trail, 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, White Pine State Trail 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:** Construction Expected in 2019  
**Constructed:** To be Constructed in 2019: 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

## Goals and Objectives Section

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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 Plan 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.

- 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 retain all dedicated park lands for the use and enjoyment of residents. The City will not convert existing park lands into non-recreational uses.
- b. The City will continue to protect and plan for the best usage of natural areas including woodlots, natural vegetation, and river frontage.
- c. The City will purchase, or receive as gifts, additional park lands as deemed appropriate to continue to

expand recreational lands for the use of City residents.

non-motorized systems, including the Frederik Meijer White Pine State Trail.

**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.

- 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 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

**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.

- 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.**

**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.



## Action Program Section

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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 Program through leading public participation, review of ideas, development of the Goals and Objectives, and prioritization of future projects and developments.

### 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 Frederik Meijer White Pine State Trail. 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 Frederik Meijer White Pine State Trail

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 Frederik Meijer White Pine State Trail. 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 Frederik Meijer White Pine State Trail, has natural areas and a pond, and will provide a route for the construction of a pedestrian connector between Shaw Estates and the Frederik Meijer White Pine State Trail.

#### Rotary/Jaycee 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.

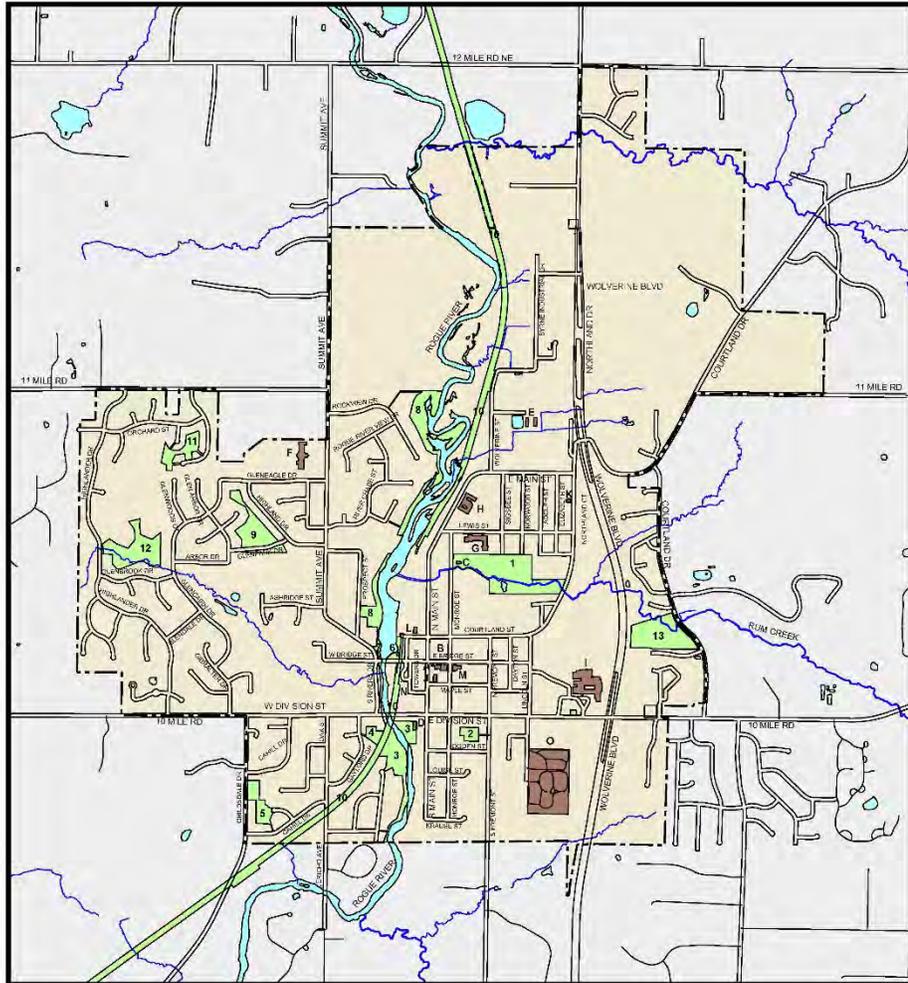
### **Capital Development Projects**

All of the project ideas collected throughout the planning process were reviewed and discussed by the Planning Commission. Based on the discussions, the projects were divided into lists of High Priority Projects,

Medium Priority Projects and Low Priority Projects. This prioritization allows the City to best direct its resources towards the projects receiving the highest priority rankings. The Project Priority List reflecting these priorities in the following chart.

<b>ACTION PLAN LIST</b>			
<b>Acquisition of Lands Priorities</b>			
Rotary Park Additional Park Entrance Parkland on the East side of City Property Between Rogue River and Frederik Meijer White Pine State Trail Residential Property North of Pickett Park Squire Property			
<b>Project Priorities</b>			
<b>Park Location</b>	<b>High Priority</b>	<b>Medium Priority</b>	<b>Low Priority</b>
<b>Downtown Riverfront Park</b>			
	W. side of River-Bridge St. to 10 Mile Rd. (To be Constructed in 2019 with MNRTF)		
<b>Garden Club Park</b>			
	New Park Master Plan-include restroom facility, ADA canoe & kayak launch, stage, riverfront redevelopment Redevelopment based on Master Plan		
<b>Heritage Park</b>			
	Additional Pathway Signage Park Identification Signage Additional Pathways Pathway Repairs	Sports Field/Soccer Large Open Play Lawn	
<b>Memorial Park</b>			
	New Park Master Plan- Include design of Pickleball, Skatepark, splash park, and green space Redevelopment based on Master Plan	Additional parking at Cabin Use of pond for ice skating	
<b>Pickett Park</b>			
	Tree Plantings Drinking Fountain Picnic Tables	Additional Play Equipment	
<b>Richardson-Sowerby Park</b>			
	Tree Plantings Dog Park Agility Course Research Potential Location for Splash Park	Improvements to Steep Walk	Treehouse Pickleball
<b>Rotary Park</b>			
	Restrooms	Sidewalk Along Freemont St.	
<b>Pathways</b>			
	Connect Rum Creek Tr. to White Pine Tr Open and Restore Rum Creek North Bridge Connection over Rogue River White Pine Trail to Art Van Sports Area Trail Map Signage at Trailheads	Lighting to Valley View Additional benches	
<b>Other Needs &amp; Desires</b>			
	Disc Golf Course Extend Waterfront Dev. Northward Parks & Open Spaces Management Plan Gago ball pit	Bike Lanes Additional playground Equip. Volleyball Courts Outdoor Exercise Equipment Rock Climbing Wall City Fish Cam	Zip Line over the River Outdoor Ice Skating Rink Tennis Court Additional Dog Park Concrete Ping Pong Table

## Park Location Map for Referencing Projects



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### CITY OF ROCKFORD



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## High Priority Project Descriptions

Below, a brief written description is provided for each of the High Priority Projects. The High Priority Projects have been determined to be the most important projects to focus on first within the community. The projects are listed in alphabetical order by park.

### **Downtown Riverfront-West Side of Rogue River from Bridge St. to 10 Mile Rd.**

Located just south of Bridge Street, and on the west side of the Rogue River, the West Riverfront is a popular area of river frontage. The site is currently used by the public for a variety of uses that have increased over time as the popularity of the downtown and the riverfront has increased. Although directly adjacent to the downtown, this area has a more natural character. Improvements and uses of the site include on-street pull off parking, a rough stairway path to the river, shoreline fishing, informal drop-in boat launching, enjoyment of the wooded area, and as a foot pathway connector from the Frederik Meijer White Pine State Trail to the dam area, downtown, and adjacent neighborhoods linking between Richardson-Sowerby Park and the Dam Area Park.

In 2013, a new master plan for the proposed refinement of this area was developed. The proposed development will provide for an ADA accessible boardwalk and pathway from the Bridge St. area down the riverbank to the lower river bank area. A Rogue River viewing and fishing platform, or surface, will be provided to provide ADA accessibility to this area. An informal natural pathway, out of materials such as crushed limestone, will be utilized on the wider riverbank area to provide an informal and more natural pathway to the newly renovated Blakeslee Creek, as well as shoreline fishing, and informal picnicking. An informal stairway and pathway will be reconstructed from the parking area to the lower bank to continue to allow informal hand carried canoe and

kayak launching in a drop in method, without a dock or launch facility. The naturalized pathway will continue southward until it reaches a point where boardwalk is once again required to continue under the 10-Mile Bridge and connect across the ravine to Pickett Park and the Frederik Meijer White Pine State Trail.

Based on the master plan, a MNRTF grant application was developed and approved by the MDNR for the project to develop the pathway from Bridge St to 10 Mile Rd. The project has been designed and bid. Construction of the project is expected to be completed in 2019.

The last linkage needed will be between 10 Mile Rd and Pickett Park. The City is currently attempting to negotiate for the missing property to make this connection.

### **Garden Club Park Renovation & Power House**

Garden Club Park is located in the downtown on the east bank of the Rogue River at the dam. It is the hub of downtown activity on the river connecting the downtown, dam areas, and the Frederik Meijer White Pine State Trail. As popularity of the park has grown, so has the desire to redevelop the park. The area within the park has also recently increased with the acquisition and demolition of buildings located on the edge of this park expanding the land within this core area.

Proposed as the highest priority for this park is the development of a new master plan for the park which will incorporate a public design process, to develop a new vision for this beloved space. New facilities being considered include a performing arts stage, public restrooms, a fountain/splash play area, outdoor winter skating, outdoor fireplace, river viewing, ADA accessible

canoe & kayak launch, retention of shore fishing areas, parking, and other multi-seasoned related activities.

The new master plan will provide for a phased vision for the park, help identify priorities, provide conceptual cost estimates, and provide planning for future recreational programming.

### **Heritage Park Pathway Expansion, Repair, Signage, and Park Identification**

An existing paved pathway within Heritage Park will be extended to provide a longer pathway system as well as to link the proposed play field and play area to the rest of the park. The existing pathway system will be improved with pathway way-finding signage to help designate distances and directions to points of interest. The existing park is an irregular shape and it is often difficult to determine the boundaries of the parkland. This will be improved through the addition of boundary signage and signage at the public entrances into the park. The existing pathways are beginning to age and will be requiring repair and renovation over the upcoming years.

### **Pickett Park Improvements**

Additional tree plantings will be added to Pickett Park to provide both screening of neighboring residential yards and to increase the amount of shade available in the park at the play area and for picnicking. Additional picnic tables and a drinking fountain are desired to increase the enjoyment by both neighborhood and trailhead visitors to the park.

### **Richardson-Sowerby Park Improvements**

There is the potential of adding a splash pad within Richardson-Sowerby Park with several positives noted, being the downtown location, adjacent parking, existing restrooms, picnic pavilion, and access to the White Pine Trail. Other items to be evaluated include that the park is not as well

known since it is not as visible as other parks, the nearby dog park as to whether this might be a concern, available space within the park, and investigating available utilities needed for the operation. A study needs to be completed for a preliminary design to determine both the public desire for the splash pad at this location and the feasibility for construction.

Additional tree plantings will be added to Richardson-Sowerby Park to increase the overall shade canopy within the park. As an older park, some of the trees are declining while some areas have never been planted. The tree plantings will provide additional shade for picnicking and along the Rogue River Nature Trail. A recent new addition to the park has been a Dog Park that is very popular with residents. The addition of a Dog Agility Course within the Dog Park is desired to provide additional exercise and challenges for both the dogs and their partners.

### **Rotary Park Restroom**

The addition of restroom facilities within Rotary Park is desired within the neighborhood park. A variety of restroom facility options have been discussed for this park including traditional flush toilet buildings as well as seasonal portable toilets located on concrete surfaces with shelters. A final determination will be made at the time of implementation.

### **Pathways-Linkage of Rum Creek Trail to the Frederik Meijer White Pine State Trail and Re-naturalization of Rum Creek**

This project will provide a pathway connection between two existing trails within the City of Rockford. Rum Creek, between Memorial Park and the Rogue River, is currently contained in underground piping for most of the distance. This proposed project will remove the piping and reestablish the creek as an open, natural water body with a pedestrian and bicycle

pathway located along the side of the pathway. This project will improve the overall water quality of Rum Creek, provide a more natural environment within the City, and provide a trail connection for neighborhoods along the trail as well as future eastward connections of the trail systems within the City of Rockford and Courtland Township. The re-naturalization of Rum Creek will also provide opportunities for expanding fish habitat including breeding areas for significant game fish, including trout, found within the Rogue River watershed.

**Pathways-Connecting Bridge over the Rogue River**

A new bridge is proposed over the Rogue River to provide a northern pedestrian crossing linking the east and west sides of the river. This bridge will make many connections for pedestrian routes easier and provide expanded access to the City's Park System.

**Pathways-Linkage of Frederik Meijer White Pine State Trail to the Art Van Sports and Archery Complexes Located Near US-131**

This project will develop a connecting non-motorized trail between the existing Frederik Meijer White Pine State Trail, located within the City of Rockford, to the new Art Van Sports Complex area located west of town on 10 Mile Road near the US-131 expressway. The sports complexes and activities provide a complex of twelve ball fields with supporting facilities, an archery range with tournament facility, BMX

competition facilities, off-road bicycle trails, and other related recreational facilities generating non-motorized traffic both into and out of the City and surrounding Townships.

**Pathways-Linkages to Courtland Township**

Through master planning efforts, determine potential routes for connecting proposed trails within Courtland Township, on the east side of Rockford, to the trails within the City of Rockford. These trails include Rum Creek, the Frederik Meijer White Pine State Trail, and possibly other routes that have not yet been determined

**Disc Golf Course**

A disc golf course within the City has been discussed as a desirable facility available for recreation for a wide variety of ages, but with a particular interest within the youth and young adult age groups. A location that will accommodate a course has not been identified.

**Extend the Waterfront Development Northward on East Side of River**

The downtown development can be extended northward along the east side of the river redeveloping old industrial areas into new recreational and commercial uses. This redevelopment can be supported by the redevelopment of the Wolverine Property, waterfront recreational development of Garden Club Park, the Trail, the Rum Creek Connector, and the Northend Sub-Area Plan.

## **City of Rockford North End Subarea Plan**

The *North End Subarea Plan* provides a focused redevelopment master plan for the north end of town on the east side of the Rogue River. This redevelopment includes, and will influence, the development of recreational facilities, trails, residential, and commercial land uses. This plan will oversee the largest integrated redevelopment to take place within the City of Rockford since its beginning. The *North End Subarea Plan* is included for reference on the following pages.

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# I. INTRODUCTION

## Master Plan Vision

*Rockford in 2020 will be a walkable small town that has maintained its natural and historical assets while providing a variety of leisure, economic, and residential opportunities resulting in a sense of community pride and distinctive character.*

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### Why Do We Plan?

The Master Plan is intended to provide a common vision to guide the City's actions and policies toward a future which builds on the strengths and addresses the short-comings of the community.

The City of Rockford Master Plan 2020, adopted in 2002, outlines several goals and strategies that have shaped and continue to guide city policy and the decision-making process. While this document is designed to guide the city to the year 2020, recent events have provided the city with an opportunity to closely examine key properties north of the downtown area. The plan for this subarea, therefore, aims to:

- Identify a visionary framework for the subarea based on the goals and strategies of the Master Plan 2020;
- Closely examine existing conditions of the subarea and how the study properties fit in the context of the entire city;
- Create a conceptual development plan for the study properties; and
- Identify strategies and actions for implementation.

### Overview

Wolverine World Wide, Inc. (WWW) is Rockford's largest employer. Founded in 1883, the shoe company has become an industry leader in work, casual, and sporting footwear. In 1908, founder G.A. Krause and his sons built a tannery north of downtown Rockford to supply the expanding shoe factory with leather. The tannery and factory fueled Rockford's growth over the last century and, in 2002, employed over 1,500 workers.

In 2009, Wolverine World Wide underwent a company-wide restructuring resulting in the closure of the tannery, located on a 15-acre site adjacent to the Rogue River immediately north of downtown. In anticipation of a redevelopment project on the site, a brownfield authority was created to assist Wolverine World Wide and take advantage of property tax revenue generated by future improvements. Demolition of the defunct tannery was complete in mid-November 2010. However, following removal of all the buildings on the site, except for the factory retail store, specific plans for redevelopment were put on hold.

While the delayed redevelopment of the tannery property is disappointing, this prime site affords many opportunities. Its future also influences other properties in the vicinity that are currently vacant or underutilized and which are the catalyst for this subarea plan. One of those properties, also owned by WWW, is a shallow strip of about two acres stretched along the east side of Main Street, directly across from the factory retail store. It contains two parking lots and a single family home.

Another site located on Northland Drive is just under six acres. Owned by WWW, it is the site of the former Kent County Road Commission garage, now used as a maintenance and storage facility.

The third site is a former vehicle repair facility located on the east side of Monroe Street. This six-plus acre property sits in the midst of a neighborhood of attractive, well maintained homes. An abandoned

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building remains on the site near Monroe, while the balance of the “L” shaped parcel is undeveloped, containing woods and wetlands.

Although these properties are physically separated from one another, they are all in relative proximity; all are located on the city’s north side; all about Rum Creek; and most are under common ownership. These shared characteristics lend themselves to being considered as part of a single coordinated plan.

**Subarea Framework**

The 2002 Master Plan outlined a vision and goals driving city policy and decision-making. Several strategies for implementing the plan goals are also included. The following summarizes those goals and strategies pertinent to this subarea plan. These goals and strategies, along with the Master Plan vision (previous page), frame this subarea planning process and provide guidance for recommendations and implementation.

	Goals	Strategies
<b>Community</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain the small town scale of Rockford</li> <li>• Preserve the established character of existing neighborhoods</li> <li>• Promote neighborhood pride</li> <li>• Manage future growth and development in relation to the capacity of public services and the City’s ability to maintain its high standards of service</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote local cultural events/festivals to increase community pride, public awareness, and business</li> <li>• Create a place for local events which can serve as a focal point for the community</li> </ul>
<b>Central Business District</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote redevelopment and more optimum use of downtown properties</li> <li>• Create a “sense of place” within the city’s core</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a major “draw”/attraction downtown to bring more potential customers to the merchants</li> <li>• Encourage apartments/residential in upper floors of downtown buildings to more fully utilize existing structures and increase the level of activity</li> </ul>
<b>Housing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preserve the character and integrity of existing residential neighborhoods within Rockford’s central core</li> <li>• Achieve an atmosphere within new residential development that is consistent with the established character of Rockford and its central neighborhoods</li> <li>• Promote affordable housing for senior citizens</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevent or minimize the intrusion of non-residential uses into established residential neighborhoods</li> <li>• Incorporate natural amenities into new development</li> </ul>
<b>Business/Employment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide more retail choice within the city</li> <li>• Create a greater mix/variety of business activity</li> <li>• Provide opportunities for business development in order that residents may work near their homes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus future retail development in the downtown and 10 Mile/Wolverine areas</li> <li>• Promote Northland Drive corridor, between East Main and Rum Creek, as the City’s office/service center</li> <li>• Seek new locations for future industrial growth</li> </ul>
<b>Natural Features</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protect the city’s prized natural features, includes the Rogue River, tree-lined streets, and hilly terrain</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acquire lands along both sides of the Rogue River for preservation and public enjoyment</li> <li>• Require tree planting in new developments</li> </ul>
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase public access to the Rogue River as a recreational amenity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cooperate with adjacent communities regarding development of an area-wide multi-use park</li> </ul>
<b>Transportation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve access and circulation to, from, and within the city</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide sidewalks in areas where they are not yet available</li> <li>• Actively pursue authorization from the Kent County Road Commission for additional street access to Wolverine Boulevard</li> </ul>



**Wolverine World Wide Parking Lots ~2.1 acres**

These lots, located on the east side of North Main Street across from the former tannery, served as parking for tannery and outlet store employees. The parking lots continue to provide overflow parking for the factory outlet and city events. The site includes a single family home nestled along Rum Creek between the two large parking areas. The site backs up to a well-established neighborhood, and is only a short walk from downtown.



**Wolverine World Wide Engineering ~5.5 acres**

The site, located at 239 Northland Drive, was home to a portion of Wolverine's Engineering Division. Prior to Wolverine ownership, the property was owned by the Kent County Road Commission and used for storage and repair. The lot abuts a single-family neighborhood to the north, school district athletic fields to the west, and Memorial Park to the south.



**Former Burch Body Works ~6.75 acres**

Burch Body Works, a long-established Rockford business, relocated to a larger facility southwest of the City. The former garage and repair facility located south of and adjacent to Rum Creek on North Monroe Street is abandoned and has lost its non-conforming zoning status, (the property is zoned R-2 Medium Density Residential). The 35,000 square foot building is in poor repair and is built to adjacent residential property lines. A vacant land-locked parcel south of the Body Works building is also included as part of this study. It is heavily wooded and is low and wet. Both properties are visible from Memorial Park and Parkside Elementary School.



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## II. INVENTORY & ANALYSIS

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A solid understanding of the existing conditions of the subarea and its context within the City of Rockford, as a whole, is imperative to the development of future plans for the study properties.

### Existing Land Use

An existing land use survey of the subarea was conducted to gain a current and detailed picture of each property.

**Single Family Residential** - Homes north and east of downtown are part of the original plat of the city. These homes tend to be large, multi-floor structures on varying sized lots. Neighborhoods north of Memorial Park are a mix of several styles. Many homes are smaller starter homes built during the last 50 years.

**Multiple-Family Residential** - Multiply family units in the subarea consist of former single family homes converted for multiple tenants. Most conversions are north and east of downtown along Monroe and Courtland Streets.

**Parks & Recreation** - Memorial Park, at the heart of the subarea, stretches from Monroe to Northland Drive with Rum Creek Nature Trail following Rum Creek the full length of the park. Much of the eastern portion of the park is wetland while the western half is used for baseball fields and recess at Parkside Elementary. The Community Cabin is also located in the park, just off Monroe Street. The White Pine Trail, a regional multi-use trail system, runs along the eastern bank of the Rogue River, next to the tannery site, connecting Rockford with Grand Rapids and communities as far away as Cadillac.

**Schools** - The subarea is home to several Rockford Public School facilities including Parkside Elementary, River Valley Academy, administration offices, and the Rockford Education Foundation Special Services office. North Rockford Middle School is located just outside the subarea to the southeast.

**Church** - Rockford Baptist Church is located on the north side of the intersection of Courtland and Dayton Street. The church offices are located in a converted single family home nearby. And the church property abuts the Burch body Works site on the west.

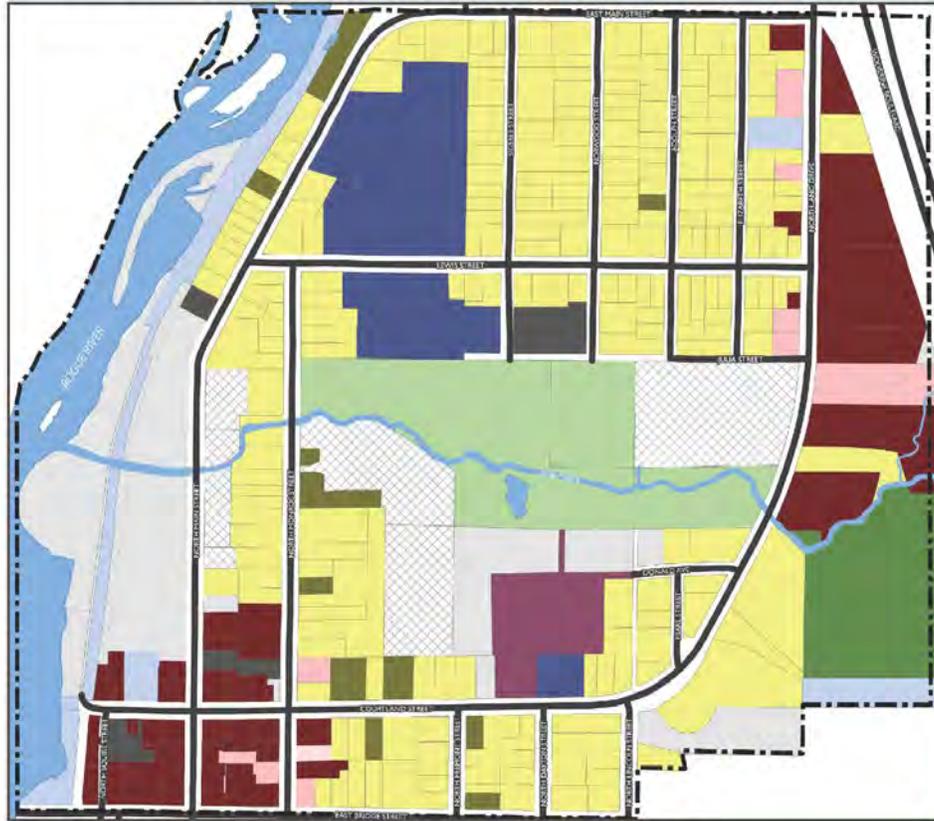
**Wooded** - The southeast corner of the subarea is heavily wooded steep terrain. Some homes along Northland Drive are built on the side of the major hill, but most of the slope is unbuildable.

**Commercial** - Two distinct commercial areas are located within or adjacent to the subarea. Downtown Rockford, located southwest of the subarea, is the heart of the community. Many historic buildings are occupied by a wide variety of merchants and office tenants. Downtown is a destination for both tourists and residents.

The second commercial area is located along Northland Drive between Memorial Park and East Main Street. Most businesses are auto-oriented (i.e. oil change, auto parts, etc.). The east side of Northland Drive is a mix of single family homes, strip commercial, and offices, some of which are vacant.

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# Existing Land Use: Map 2



- Office** - Office uses are scattered throughout the subarea, primarily east of downtown and along Northland Drive. Office tenants range from medical to insurance to the Rockford Squire.
- Public-Owned** - Several public-owned properties are located in the subarea including the Post Office, State Police post, and water tower.
- Parking Lots** - Two city owned parking lots are located downtown; 1) between North Main and Monroe, and 2) the southeast corner of Squire and Courtland. A parking lot for users of the White Pine Trail is located north of the former Wolverine tannery, and a lot near Parkside Elementary serves the athletic fields nearby.
- Vacant** - There are two major tracts of vacant land in the subarea, 1) the former Wolverine tannery north of downtown adjacent to the Rogue River, and church-owned land between Courtland and Memorial Park.

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# Neighborhoods: Map 3



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### Housing Condition

A housing conditions and neighborhood analysis was conducted as part of the 2002 Master Plan. The assessment examined each neighborhood of the city in relation to housing type, year structure built, physical condition, infrastructure maintenance, yard maintenance, pedestrian safety issues, parking issues, and general neighborhood cleanliness. During the existing land use update for this subarea plan, each neighborhood was reassessed in order to provide more up-to-date information and context for concept plans for the subject properties.

- **Neighborhood 1** - Overall quality of the neighborhood is good. Most homes are modest starter homes built during the last 60 years. Property maintenance is good, with only a few homes showing signs of minor neglect. Infrastructure is in good repair, although Elizabeth Street has no sidewalks. Connectivity of the street network is inconsistent. Sigsbee, Norwood, Adolph, and Elizabeth Streets south of Lewis Street have no curb or gutter system. Also, Julia Street connects Adolph, Elizabeth, and Northland Drive, but does not continue to Norwood or Sigsbee even though public right-of-way exists for this connection.
- **Neighborhood 2** - This neighborhood is a mix of turn-of-the-century and mid-century infill homes. Most homes appear to be part of the original city plat. Over time larger lots were divided and sold resulting in an eclectic mix of housing styles and building placement. The neighborhood grew up around the Wolverine Worldwide tannery, most likely as housing for working class families. Some of the larger homes in the neighborhood have been converted to multiple-family units. Homes are kept in fairly good repair with only a few examples of lax property maintenance.
- **Neighborhood 3** - The original "downtown" neighborhood with grid street pattern contains some of Rockford's most historic homes that have been well maintained over the years. Similar to Neighborhood 2, some homes have been converted to multiple-family units, as well as commercial and office uses closer to downtown. While not all homes have been meticulously maintained, most property maintenance issues involve only minor cosmetic repairs.



Neighborhood 2



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Neighborhood 2 -  
Multi-family Conversion



Neighborhood 2 -  
Infill Housing

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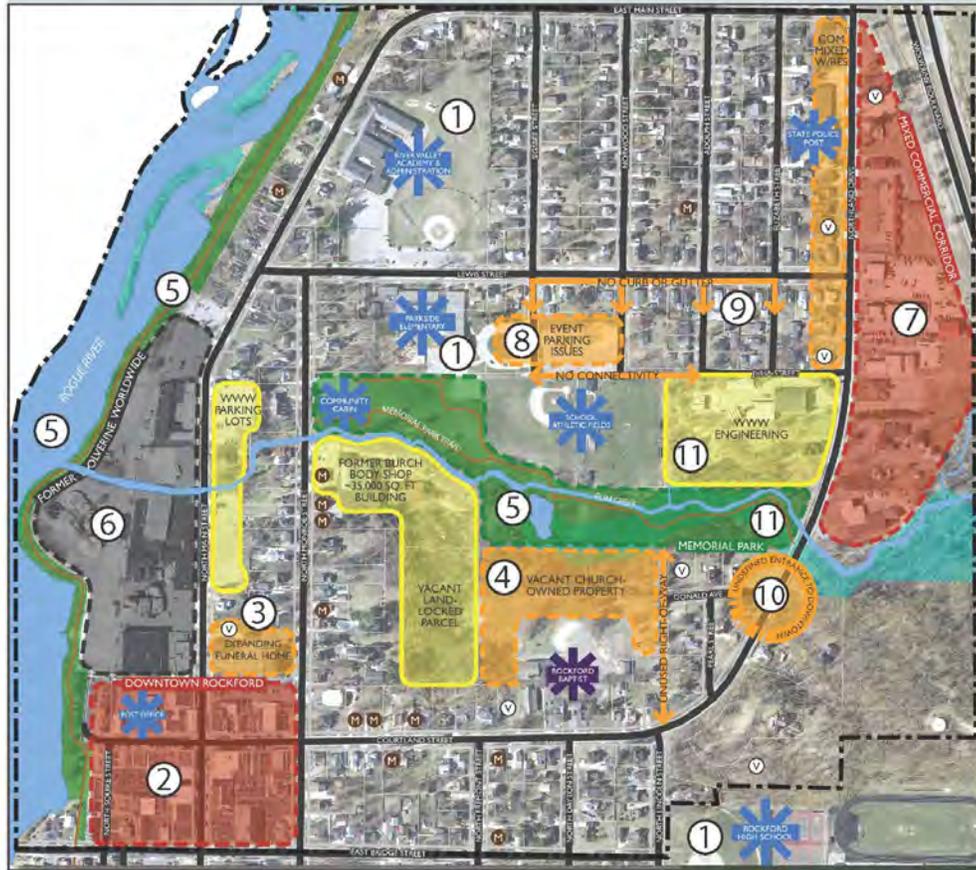
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**Issues and Opportunities**

Based on the assessment of existing conditions throughout the subarea, the following summarizes the issues and opportunities that can influence the future development of the subject properties.

- ① **Schools:** Rockford is fortunate to have an excellent school district and three schools located within the neighborhoods surrounding downtown. Families are attracted to centrally located schools given their convenient access.
- ② **Downtown Rockford:** Downtown Rockford is a beautiful example of a well preserved small-town commercial center. A great mix of public services, office, and retail uses combined with a location on the Rogue River, inviting streetscape, and historic buildings exude small town charm. Downtown is a major attraction for residents and visitors and is an opportunity to be leveraged when considering the development of the three subject properties. Expansion to the north will be possible with the redevelopment of the tannery site.
- ③ **Pederson Funeral Home:** With the removal of the Wolverine tannery, the area north of downtown is ripe with possibilities. Some combination of additional commercial, parking, public spaces, and moderate density residential on this site could create an ideal transition from downtown to nearby single family neighborhoods, taking advantage of the riverfront location and popular White Pine Trail. On the east side of Main Street, Pederson Funeral Home, a prosperous local business, has property directly across from the former tannery site and adjacent to downtown. This site is also well suited to a transitional use, such as the reception hall that has been proposed to host family gatherings in conjunction with funerals. Not only would such a use mesh well as a transitional use, but would also inhibit the potential march of commercial further north along Main Street.
- ④ **Vacant Property:** The Rockford Baptist Church owns approximately 4.3 acres of vacant land north of the church and south of Memorial Park. This land could be an opportunity to incorporate and expand development on the neighboring subject site.
- ⑤ **Natural Assets:** The White Pine Trail, part of a regional trail network, and the Rogue River are major attractions for Rockford bringing thousands of visitors to the city each year. Combined with Memorial Park and the trail following Rum Creek, Rockford residents have great local and regional recreational opportunities at their front door.
- ⑥ **Former Tannery:** The removal of the former tannery has left a temporary economic and emotional void in Rockford. The loss of jobs and tax base leaves a lasting impression on the community. However, the site's adjacency to downtown and river frontage, offer even greater opportunities for the future.
- ⑦ **Northland Drive Corridor:** The Northland Drive corridor is a mix of auto-oriented commercial, vacant property, aging homes converted to offices, and strip commercial. While this tired corridor presents an issue for the subarea, there is also an opportunity to reinvent the corridor to achieve the city's vision and goals.
- ⑧ **School Event Parking:** Baseball and soccer fields used by the local schools

# Issues & Opportunities: Map 4



are located south of Lewis Street adjacent to Parkside Elementary. The available paved lot provides parking for the athletic fields and school. However, parking during sporting events is a problem. Traffic flow, parking on private lawns, and overcrowding are issues plaguing the area.

- ⑨ **Neighborhood Infrastructure:** Inconsistent infrastructure on the blocks south of Lewis and west of Northland Drive gives a feeling of a disconnected and unfinished neighborhood.
  - ⑩ **Downtown Entrance:** The entrance to the historic neighborhoods and downtown Rockford is not well defined between Julia Street and North Lincoln Street. The city should capitalize on the confluence of Rum Creek, Northland Drive, steep terrain, and transition of uses in this area to create a welcoming entrance.
  - ⑪ **Steep Terrain:** Steep terrain in the eastern portion of the subarea could present issues for future development, street connections, and infrastructure deployment.
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Subarea Boundary	Multi-Family Properties
Study Properties	Vacant Properties
Issue Areas	Sidewalks
Commercial Areas	Two-Foot Contours
Parks & Recreation Areas	Wetlands
Community Resources	Waterways

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### III. DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The subarea development plan map illustrates future desired uses for key properties located just to the north of downtown Rockford. It is based on analysis of surrounding land uses, environmental features, parcel size and configuration and input from the community. While there are a variety of uses that might be accommodated, the proposed plan considers the appropriateness and feasibility of the uses, the goals of the City Master Plan, anticipated need and the balance between individual property rights and the community's interests.

Any development on these properties will be subject to zoning review and approval at some level. However, to provide guidance to a developer and to city officials, the following describes the desired standards that should be met in general and those that apply to individual sites.

#### General Development Standards

**Sensitive Features.** All three sites share an important feature; they abut Rum Creek. In addition, lands along the creek contain sensitive features – woods, wetlands, steep slopes, floodway and natural habitat. Regardless of what uses may eventually occupy the subject sites, these features must be respected and, to the extent possible, preserved.

**Rum Creek Protection.** Of the many valued natural features found throughout the subarea, Rum Creek is distinctive. As a designated "Cold-transitional Small River System," Rum Creek's water quality and temperature must be protected. Therefore, buildings and parking must be kept away to ensure that runoff will not enter the creek and adjacent tree cover must be retained. A protective greenbelt should be maintained along the banks of the creek.

**Wetland Protection.** Future development should maintain a sufficient setback buffer around designated wetlands.

**Vegetative Protection.** Most of the land along Rum Creek, especially on the south side, is forested. Beyond the aesthetic value and wildlife habitat provided by this wooded area, the tree canopy performs a valuable function in shading the creek and maintaining a relatively constant water temperature. Removal of any trees in proximity to the creek, whether on public or private land, should not be permitted.

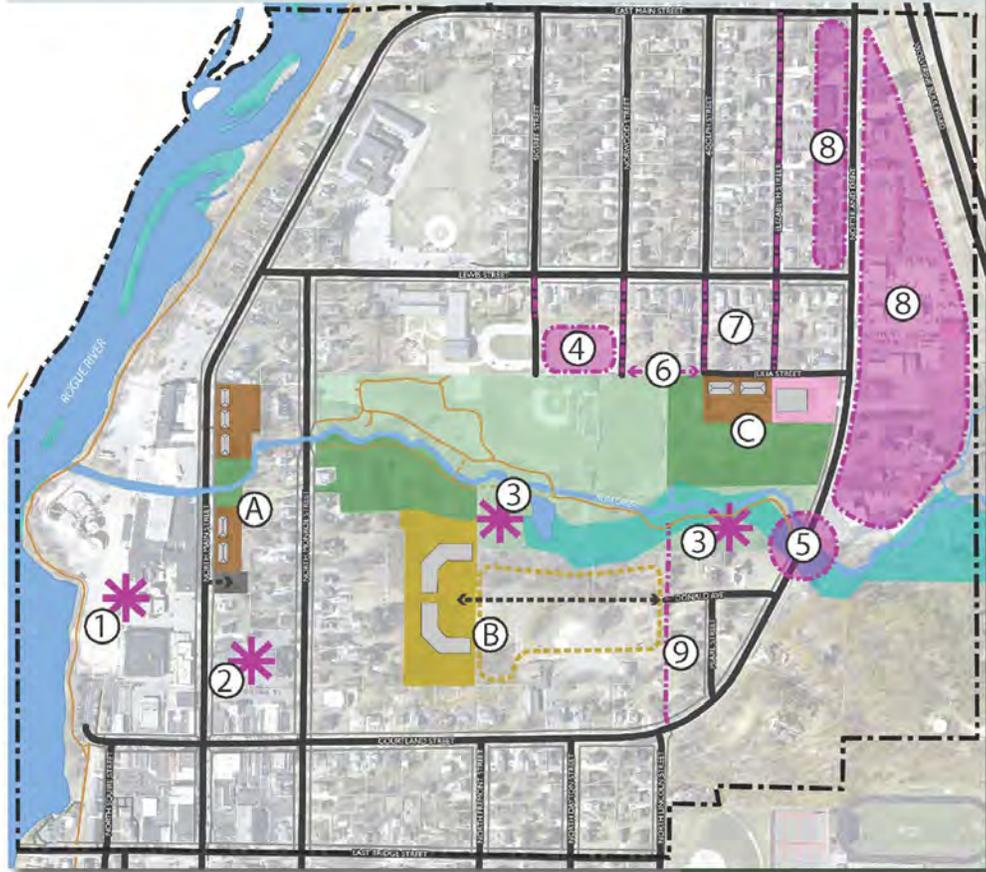
**Low Impact Development (LID) Practices.** LID strategies integrate green space, native landscaping, natural hydrologic functions, and various other techniques to generate less and higher quality runoff from developed land. The use of such techniques for all new development within the subarea should be encouraged.

**Sidewalks and Pathways.** All development should incorporate accommodations for pedestrians and, as appropriate, non-motorized transportation. Sidewalks should be constructed along all streets and paved pathways should be provided within open space areas to ensure connectivity with existing parks and pathway systems on adjoining and nearby property.

**Development Flexibility.** Due to the size and configuration of the various properties, the potential for a mix of uses on one or more of the sites, and the likelihood that a change in zoning will be necessary to accommodate development, it is advantageous for both the developer and the city to

# Development Plan:

# Map 5



review any proposed project as a planned unit development.

## A Area "A" Standards

**Use Concept.** This 2.1 acre linear parcel is split by Rum Creek. Properties are relatively shallow, ranging from approximately 175 feet deep north of the creek to only 100 feet deep to its south. Therefore, development options are fairly limited. Properties should accommodate suitable transitional uses between the former tannery property to the west and the attractive single family homes to the east, along Monroe. It is also important that commercial uses not be permitted to encroach this far north of downtown.

The plan suggests townhouses lining Main Street, though small detached single family homes might be an option north of the creek where sites offer a little more depth and flexibility. Garages serving future homes

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Town homes

should not dominate the streetscape and should not be permitted to project in front of a main building. If attached garages are proposed they should be located to the side, 15-20 feet behind the front building façade. Alley-served garages, or those located in a rear yard are preferable. Planned green space should straddle Rum Creek where it crosses beneath Main Street.

**Ownership.** To support the stability and value of the abutting neighborhood, any residential

development of the Main Street properties should be aimed at owner-occupied homes, rather than rentals. While this cannot be regulated by the city, the quality of construction and level of amenities provided can certainly make ownership a more attractive option for a prospective resident.

**Building Materials.** The quality and character of exterior building materials will strongly influence how well future development fits into the context of the surrounding neighborhood. Therefore, the following should be considered as part of any development proposal:

Primary Materials:

- Brick and tile masonry (or synthetic equivalent)
- Native stone (or synthetic equivalent)
- Hardie-Plank™ or equivalent
- Wood siding (but not on any side facing a street)

Accent Materials:

- Pre-cast masonry (for trim and cornice elements only)
- Gypsum Reinforced Fiber Concrete (GFRC—for trim elements only)
- Metal (for beams, lintels, trim elements and ornamentation only)
- Split-faced block (only for piers, foundation walls and chimneys)

**Pitched Roof.** Roof lines should mirror those of the homes to the east and flat roofs should not be permitted.

**Building Height.** Current residential zoning districts limit the height of dwellings to 35 feet (2 ½ stories). This is an appropriate limitation to be observed for any future residential development along Main Street.

**Length/Massing.** If townhouses are developed care should be taken to minimize the massing of the building(s). To maintain a residential scale, no more than four dwelling units should be attached and their design should be integrated such that doors, windows, insets, details and exterior steps seamlessly provide interest and relief, as opposed to a long straight plane along the street and jarring differences.

**Setbacks and Build-to Line.** The shallowness of the lots, the urban character of the neighborhood and the style of units require that buildings be brought closer to the street, rather than set further back. Therefore, a required building line (RBL) would be a desirable way to define a minimum and maximum setback distance. Five to 10 feet from the edge of the sidewalk may be appropriate.

**Garages.** All dwelling units should have at least a single car garage, either attached or detached. For units north of the creek, there is sufficient depth to accommodate garages behind the dwelling (possibly served by an alley). South of the creek, detached garages are more challenging, however, a townhouse design could incorporate an attached garage in the rear yard. For a single family detached home, garages could either be located in the rear yard or attached to the side; however, potential solutions would be influenced not only by lot depth, but also by width.

**Open Space.** To help reinforce development quality, Rum Creek should be protected in ways consistent with the city's planning goals, which include retaining open space along Main Street on either side of the creek.

### **B** Area "B" Standards

**Use Concept.** Nearly 7 acres, this is the largest of the three sites, but is oddly configured. Its northern half contains the former Burch Body Works and abuts Rum Creek, while the southern half is mainly a wooded area tucked behind single family homes lining both Monroe and Courtland Streets. A large undeveloped portion of the Rockford Baptist Church property abuts the subject site along its east boundary. Site access is only available from the existing driveway on Monroe, though other options may be available to serve future development of the southern end.

Given the natural setting, proximity to Rum Creek, the availability of a walking path along the creek, the abundance of park land and the relationship to the downtown business district, the south half of the site is well suited to a planned senior citizen community. Potential may also exist to combine the Burch site with part of the adjoining church property to create a true "aging-in-place" village where a continuum of housing and senior care opportunities could be provided. Access to the site could be improved by extending Donald Avenue west from its current terminus. Much of the northern part of the site should be retained as open space along the creek and the existing trail could be extended through the property along the south side of the creek.

**Building Materials.** The quality and character of exterior building materials will strongly influence how well future development fits into the context of the surrounding neighborhood. Therefore, the

Senior living facilities



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following should be considered as part of any development proposal:

**Primary Materials:**

- Brick and tile masonry (or synthetic equivalent)
- Native stone (or synthetic equivalent)
- Hardie-Plank™ or equivalent
- Wood siding (but not on any side facing a street)

**Accent Materials:**

- Pre-cast masonry (for trim and cornice elements only)
- Gypsum Reinforced Fiber Concrete (GFRC—for trim elements only)
- Metal (for beams, lintels, trim elements and ornamentation only)
- Split-faced block (only for piers, foundation walls and chimneys).

**Pitched Roof.** All roofs should be pitched to mirror the style of surrounding single family homes.

**Building Height.** 3 stories

**Length/Massing.** Long, uninterrupted facades should be avoided and building bays should be defined by entrances, columns and other vertical elements in approximately 30 to 40 foot increments to “break-up” a building façade. Cornice lines, stringcourses, and other architectural elements should create a recognizable base, middle, and top to a building.

**Architectural Detailing.** Building entries should incorporate windows, canopies and awnings; provide unity of scale, texture and color; and clearly identify entrances.

**Garages.** All attached and detached single family units should have at least a one stall garage. Ideally, multiple family dwellings and assisted living or nursing care facilities should provide underground or interior parking facilities. However, in lieu of that, car ports and well landscaped parking lots, conveniently located to the units should be provided.

**Setbacks from Property Lines.** Building setbacks may differ, depending on the type of building. Detached single family units can be accommodated on small lots with minimal setbacks. A large, senior-living facility, however, should be set back a sufficient distance from adjoining properties in relation to its height and mass. In all cases, ample separation should be provided from Rum Creek for both buildings and parking facilities.

**Open Space.** If the concept of an aging-in-place village or large-scale senior care facility is developed on this site, the intensity of the use would warrant maintaining significant open space to ensure compatibility with the surrounding residential neighborhood, protect

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the site's sensitive features and provide an enviable living environment for its residents. Approximately 50 percent of the site should be retained as open space.

**Access/Street Design.** Development of this site for virtually any use will likely necessitate a second means of ingress/egress. The most likely would be east, across the adjacent church property, linking with Donald Avenue. An alternate, though a less likely option due to topography, would be to the south to connect to Courtland Street.



Former Road Commission building

### C Area "C" Standards

**Use Concept.** The former Kent County Road Commission garage appears to be structurally solid and is unique in its appearance. The building sits on a five and a half acre site that is mostly undeveloped, abuts Rum Creek and contains an area of steep slopes along its southern boundary.

This site could accommodate a combination of redevelopment and new development. Office and/or civic uses could take advantage of the existing building's location, visibility and unusual character. However, additional vacant land to the west of the building could be developed for attached residential units, such as townhouses. The balance of the site, along the south border near the creek, should remain as open space due to its steep slopes and proximity to the creek.

**Building Materials.** The existing building should be retained to the extent possible in its original style. However, for new construction the previously mentioned standards should apply:

#### Primary Materials:

- Brick and tile masonry (or synthetic equivalent)
- Native stone (or synthetic equivalent)
- Hardie-Plank™ or equivalent
- Wood siding (but not on any side facing a street)

#### Accent Materials:

- Pre-cast masonry (for trim and cornice elements only)
- Gypsum Reinforced Fiber Concrete (GFRC—for trim elements only)
- Metal (for beams, lintels, trim elements and ornamentation only)
- Split-faced block (only for piers, foundation walls and chimneys)

**Pitched Roof.** Flat roofs should not be permitted for new construction and the arched roof on the existing building should be preserved.

**Building Height.** New construction should be limited to the height for residential zoning districts, 2 ½ stories or 35 feet.

**Length/Massing.** For new construction, care should be taken to minimize the massing of the building(s). To maintain a residential scale, no more than four dwelling units should be attached and their design should be

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integrated such that doors, windows, insets, details and exterior steps seamlessly provide interest and relief, as opposed to a long straight plane along the street and jarring differences.

**Garages.** All dwelling units should have at least a single car garage, either attached or detached. There is likely to be sufficient depth to accommodate garages behind the units. A townhouse design could also incorporate an attached garage on the ground level.

**Setbacks from Property Lines.** Requirements of the city's R-3 zoning district should be followed for new residential development on this site.

**Open Space.** As noted, the southern part of the site contains steep slopes and woods that should be retained. Fairly intense development permitted on the north end of the site will compensate for protecting the balance of the property as open space.

#### Common Elements

- ① **Wolverine Tannery Site.** This prime site along the Rogue River is ripe for future mixed use development that takes advantage of its proximity to downtown, the White Pine Trail, the river and adjacent residential neighborhoods. Opportunities afford a variety of uses while retaining the river's edge for public enjoyment.
- ② **Pederson Funeral Home.** Limited expansion of this business along Main Street, west of the current funeral home, would provide a logical end point for the downtown and relate well to the likely commercial development at the south end of the tannery site.
- ③ **City Park.** This is a real asset, providing a natural setting in the heart of the city and providing protection of Rum Creek. Some enhancements to improve park visibility and to identify it as a valued public resource would be desirable, especially as development of the adjacent sites occurs.
- ④ **School Parking Lot.** Improvements are needed for this parking lot to reduce its negative influences upon the adjoining single family homes and neighborhood.
- ⑤ **Downtown Entry.** A positive gateway identity should be created along Northland Drive where it curves southwest toward downtown. It currently lacks a sense of arrival and the random mix of uses along Northland Drive does not promote a positive impression of the community.
- ⑥ **Julia Street Extension.** While likely a long-range improvement, an extension of Julia Street west to connect with Norwood Street near the school parking lot should be considered. This would provide an alternate for vehicles using the school parking lot and create a finished edge to the abutting residential block.
- ⑦ **Neighborhood Improvements.** The neighborhood south of Lewis Street is showing signs of aging that are not as evident elsewhere in the area. Sidewalks, curbing, street repairs and similar infrastructure improvements would greatly enhance the neighborhood.

- ⑧ **Northland Drive Corridor.** A redevelopment plan should be prepared for the Northland Drive corridor. The current mix of uses and varied physical conditions detract from the overall image and character of the city. A more unified and cohesive development pattern should be created here.
- ⑨ **Pathway Extension.** An option is available to improve the connectivity of the high school campus with the Rum Creek trail and community park. A pathway should be extended from North Lincoln Street across Courtland Street and north along the existing easement/right-of-way up to the creek.

## Planning and Public Input Section

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The Planning and Public Input Section 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 general 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 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 universal 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 Section of the plan.

### **Two Community Workshops**

Two workshops were held to invite and collect public input into the planning process. The first, Pizza & Parks Open House, was held on October 18, 2018 from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at the Community Cabin in Memorial Park. A full summary of the event appears on the following pages. The second event was held as a stakeholder invited event on November 13, 2018 from 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. which was hosted by the Planning Commission with invited community stakeholders to review the community input and assist with the prioritization of future priorities for the Action Plan. The results of this meeting is incorporated into the formal Action Plan of this document.

## **Pizza & Parks Open House**

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As part of the planning process the City held a Pizza & Parks Open House to encourage public participation into the planning process for the updating of the Recreation Plan. The event was advertised on the City's Facebook page and through an advertisement in the local paper. The event was held at the Community Cabin located in Memorial Park on October 18, 2018 from 5:00-7:00 with a drop-in open house format for all ages within the community. The event was attended by approximately forty people.



The format for the open house was a casual drop-in format with several different types of opportunities for residents young and old to express their thoughts regarding their visions for the future of parks and recreation within the Rockford community.



**PIZZA  
& PARKS  
OPEN  
HOUSE!**

**WHEN**  
October 18, 2018  
Drop-In 5:00pm – 7:00pm

**WHERE**  
Rockford Community Cabin  
located in Memorial Park  
220 N. Monroe St., Rockford, MI

**FEATURING** ·  
Free Pizza, Beverages, Snacks, and  
Cookies for the Public provided by the  
City of Rockford

**EVERYONE IS INVITED!**  
Everyone of all ages is invited to attend this drop-in public open house to enjoy free pizza dinner and share ideas about the future of Parks and Recreation within the Rockford Community.

The City of Rockford is updating it's Five Year Community Recreation Plan for 2019-2023. The purpose of this public event is to collect ideas and thoughts towards visioning the future of parks, trails, programs, events, and facilities within the community.

**Come share your ideas!**

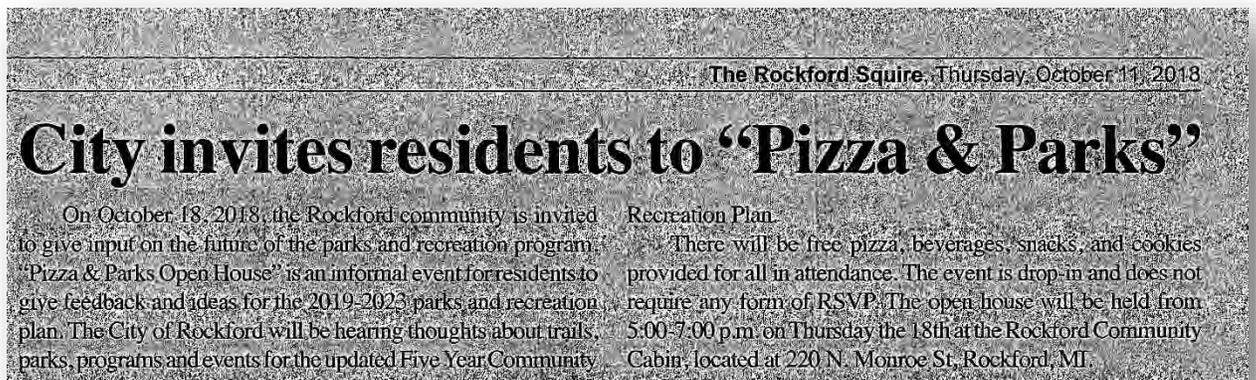


**Ideas and thoughts collected at the meeting included the following desires:**

- An expressed desire for more parks on the East side of the City.
- A desire for pickle ball courts and stadium
- A gaga ball pit
- A Splash Pad
- The addition of a disc golf course
- Cement ping pong table
- Soccer field
- Kick Ball
- An ADA Kayak Launch
- Better play field at Memorial Park
- Bigger Kid Activities such as a zip line, rock climbing wall, and splash pad
- Post Park/Trail map at every Park/Trail head.

- Heritage Park-provide public access and develop for everyone to use.
- Memorial Park-Repurpose the baseball diamond with a skateboard park, pickle ball, and splash pad. Provide more benches, zip line over the stream, rock climbing wall, inline skating rink, ninja warrior course, four square.
- Dam Area Parks-Add hockey rink, splash pad, dances, add a clear wall to see underwater, a city fish cam.
- Richardson-Sowerby Park-improvements to the steep walk down the hill for safer access, trampoline, a treehouse, pickleball.
- Pickett Park-Drinking fountain, picnic tables, more play equipment
- Rotary/Jaycees Park-Access from Ogden or Monroe to park, restrooms, pickleball
- Cahill Park-We like the park undeveloped. We would like to add a parking lot and walking trails, pickleball
- Dog Park-Add an agility course. Dog Pool Area by the Dog Park.
- Numerous potential trail linkages were also discussed for linking neighborhoods, the High School, and regional trails.

**Public Notice from The Rockford Squire Newspaper, printed October 11, 2018.**



**Planning Commission Planning Process**

The Planning Commission met several times during the planning process to review the public comments received, review committee member ideas, develop goals and objectives, and oversee the development of the plan document. These meetings were during Regular and Special Planning Commission meetings.

**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 1, 2018 through November 30, 2018. A total of 513 responses were received to the survey of which 77% were from City residents and 23% were from non-residents. The complete results of the survey are included in Appendix B.

**Development of Goals and Objectives and Action Plan**

Draft Goals and Objectives were reviewed by the Planning Commission and incorporated into the document. The Action Plan was developed by the Planning Commission with input from a Community Stakeholder group that reviewed the proposed projects generated from the Goals and Objectives, park tours, public meetings, public survey and discussions.

**Development of Plan Draft**

A draft plan was completed for review by the Planning Commission. After an initial City staff and Planning Commission review was completed, the plan was made available to the public for review. The final draft was made available for the Public Hearing and final adoption by the City Council.

**30 day Review Period and Public Hearing**

The draft plan document was advertised for public comment from December \_\_, 2018 through January \_\_, 2019 with the plan available for review and comment at the Rockford City Hall, the \_\_\_\_\_, and on the City's website. The public notice appears below.

INSERT PUBLIC NOTICE

**Planning Commission Recommendation for Adoption**

The Planning Commission on \_\_\_\_\_ passed a motion of support for the plan.

INSERT RESOLUTION

**Public Hearing Notice and Minutes**

A public hearing was held prior to the adoption of the plan on \_\_\_\_\_. A copy of the advertisement and minutes of the meeting are included below.

**INSERT NOTICE AND MINUTES**

**City Council Adoption**

The plan was adopted by City Council on February 10, 2014 and a copy of the resolution is included below.

**INSERT RESOLUTION**

**MDNR Certification Checklist**



Michigan Department of Natural Resources-Grants Management

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

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

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

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

PLAN INFORMATION		
Name of Plan: City of Rockford Community Recreation Plan 2019-2022		
List the community names (including school districts) that are covered under the plan and have passed a resolution adopting the plan.	County	Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body
City of Rockford	Kent County	January 2018

PLAN CONTENT
<p><b>INSTRUCTIONS:</b> Please check <u>each</u> box to certify that the listed information is included in the <u>final</u> plan.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation Programming</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Current Funding Sources</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Role of Volunteers</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations</li> </ul> <p><b>Regional Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of Participating Communities</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Articles of Incorporation</li> </ul> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>3. RECREATION INVENTORY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accessibility Assessment</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Waterways Inventory (if applicable)</li> </ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS</b></p>

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

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

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

Date of the Notice \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Notice \_\_\_\_\_

Plan Location \_\_\_\_\_

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date of Notice \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

**7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

**8. ACTION PROGRAM**

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

**PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION**

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

1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Official resolution of the \_\_\_\_\_ Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**OVERALL CERTIFICATION**

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

I hereby certify that the recreation plan for \_\_\_\_\_ includes the required content, as indicated above and as set forth by the DNR.

(Local Unit of Government)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government      Date

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

**Transmittal to West Michigan Planning Commission**

A copy of the Community Recreation Plan was transmitted to West Michigan Planning Commission for their use in future planning.

**Transmittal to Kent County Parks**

A copy of the plan was transmitted to Kent County Parks for their use in future planning efforts.

**Appendices**



**Appendix A**  
**Post Completion Certification Forms for Previous MDNR Grants**

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PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

This information required under authority of Part 19, PA 451 of 1994, as amended; the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Stat. 897 (1964); and Part 715, of PA 451 of 1994, as amended.

GRANT TYPE: [ ] MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND [ ] CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE
(Please select one) [x] LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND [ ] RECREATION PASSPORT [ ] BOND FUND

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). [ ] Yes [x] No

Park facilities include a play area, restroom, and picnic facility with access pathways. All facilities have been renovated from the initial developments.

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

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

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)**

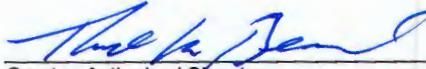
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**CERTIFICATION**

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

**Thad Beard**  
Please print

  
Grantee Authorized Signature

**December 1, 2018**  
Date

**Christine Bedford**  
Please print

  
Witness Signature

**December 1, 2018**  
Date

**Send completed report to: POST COMPLETION GRANT INSPECTION REPORTS  
GRANTS MANAGEMENT  
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
PO BOX 30425  
LANSING MI 48909-7925**



**RICHARDSON  
SOWERBY  
PARK**

**HOURS: 8 A.M. - 10 P.M.  
PARK RULES ENFORCED**



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

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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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 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? 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

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

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No  
The park receives daily & 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)**

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(Please select one) [ ] 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

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

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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 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

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?  
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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

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

Additional play area has been added to the park. Park facilities include the restroom, picnic pavilion, picnic tables, benches, walkways, and play area.

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. 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**

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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?  
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SOWERBY  
PARK**

**HOURS: 8 A.M. - 10 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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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 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? 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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**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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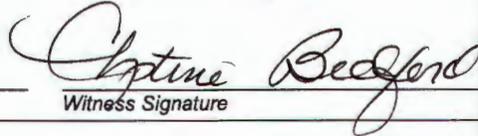
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GRANTEE: City of Rockford

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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SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

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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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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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 bi-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?  
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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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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 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

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

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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**

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  
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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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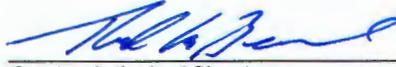
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**Appendix B**  
**Rockford Parks and Recreation Public Survey Results**

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CITY OF ROCKFORD  
PARKS AND RECREATION SURVEY  
DECEMBER 1, 2018



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## **City of Rockford Parks and Recreation Survey**

The City of Rockford Parks and Recreation Survey was developed as a means to collect public input into the planning process for updating of the Community Recreation Plan. The survey was developed utilizing an electronic Survey Monkey format with questions reviewed by City staff and the Planning Commission. The survey was opened for public comment on October 1, 2018 and remained open through November 30, 2018.

The public was made aware of the survey through various means including an announcement and link on the City's website, the City's Facebook page, and various other community announcements.

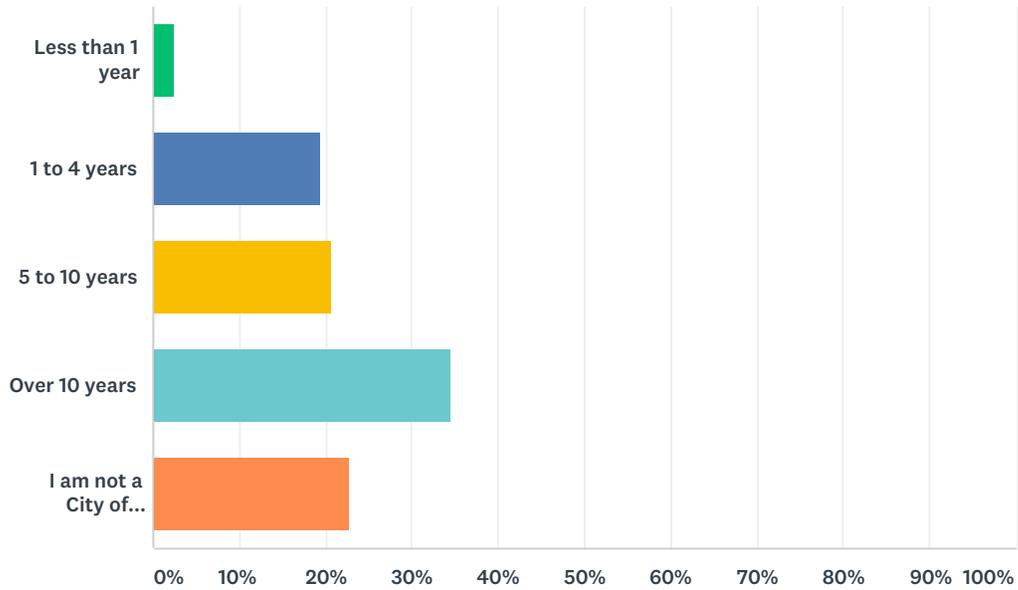
A total of 513 responses to the Survey were received of which 77% were from residents and 23% were from non-residents. The age range of the survey respondents included 20.8% under the age of 18 years, 2.6% between 18-24 years, 19.3% between 25-34 years, 10.7% between 45-54 years, 9.4% between 55-64 years, 6.5% between 65-74 years, and 1.0% 75 years and older.

As this was an open forum survey, the results are much like a public hearing, allowing everyone to comment, rather than a scientific survey in which actual respondents would be selected. Opportunities for open ended responses were provided for many of the questions to allow for as much public input as possible.

The full results of the survey results are included in the following document.

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

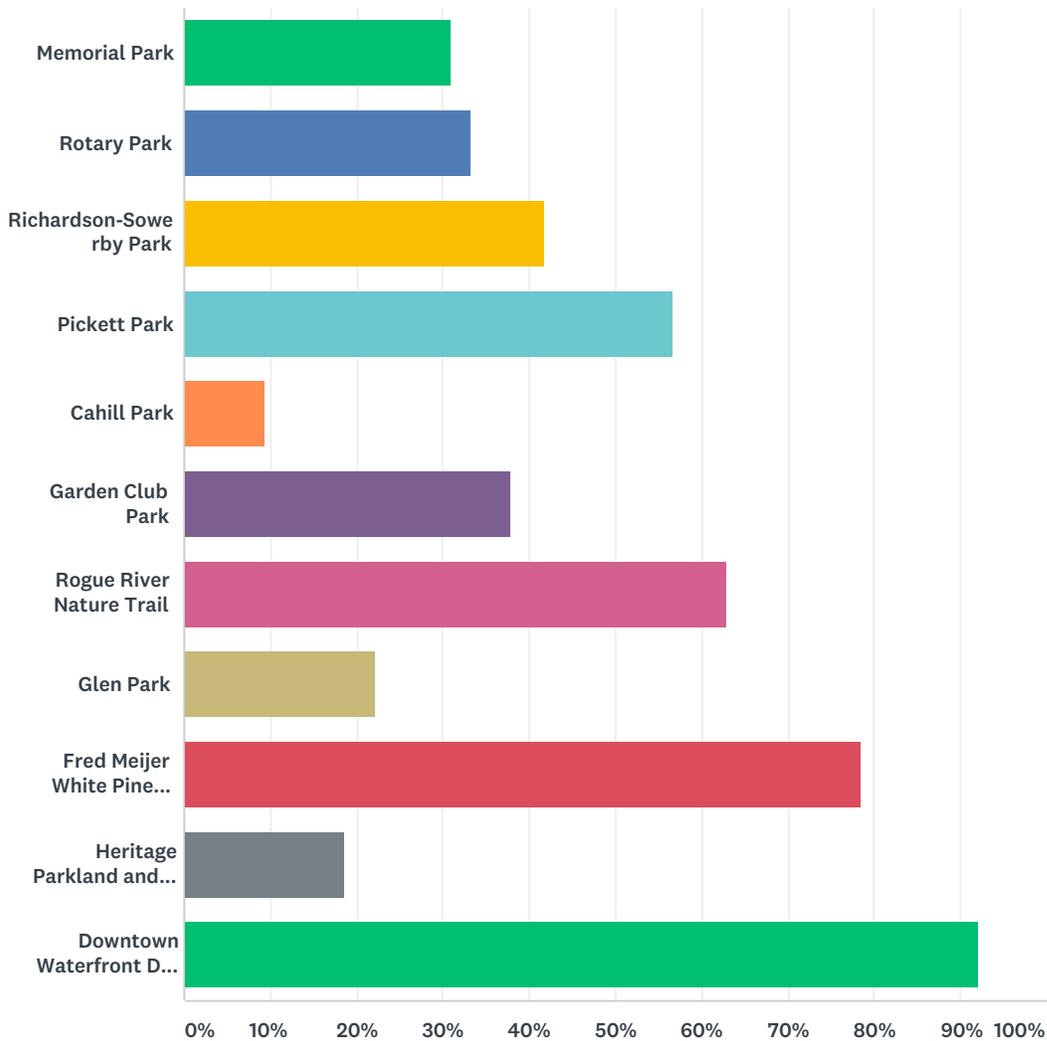
Answered: 511 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 1 year	2.54%	13
1 to 4 years	19.37%	99
5 to 10 years	20.74%	106
Over 10 years	34.44%	176
I am not a City of Rockford resident	22.90%	117
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>511</b>

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

Answered: 439 Skipped: 74



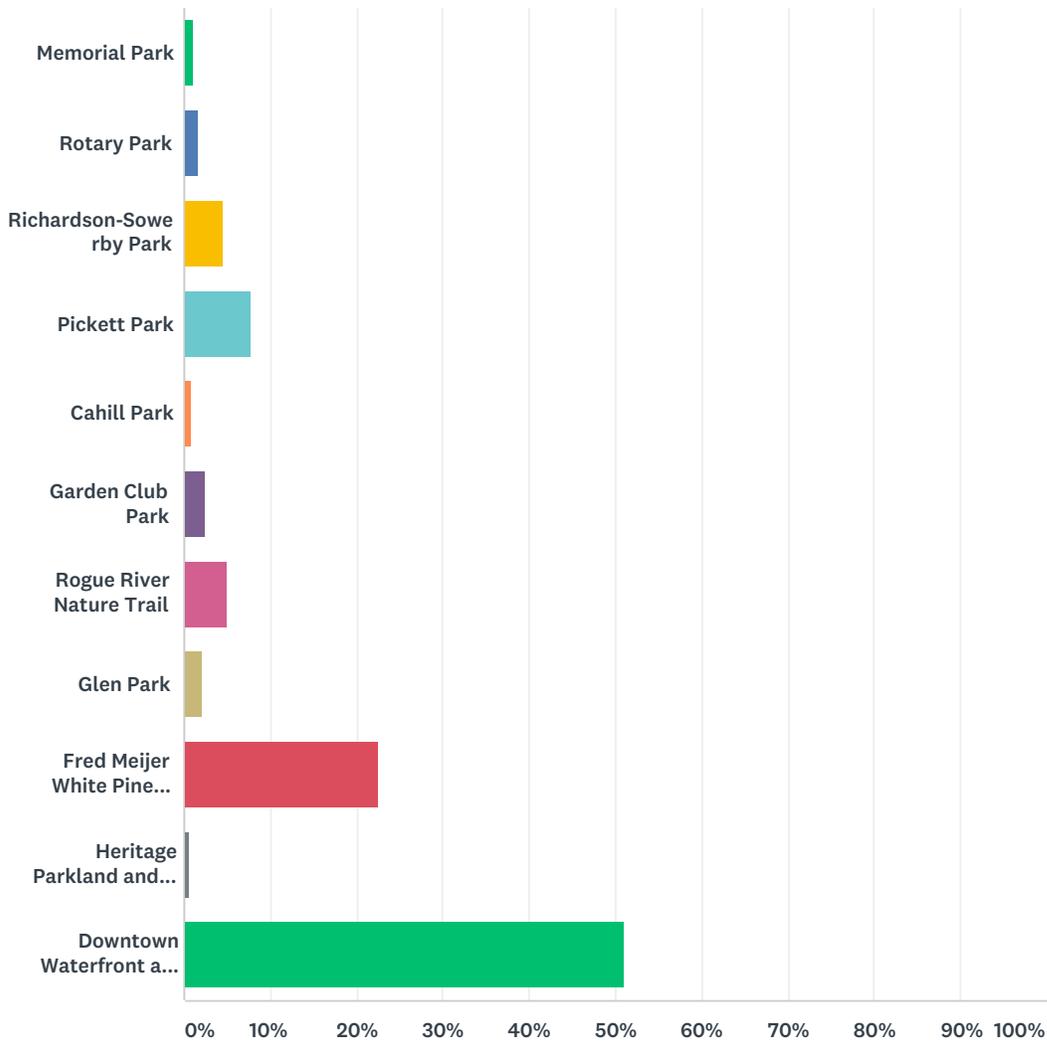
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Memorial Park	30.98% 136
Rotary Park	33.26% 146
Richardson-Sowerby Park	41.91% 184
Pickett Park	56.72% 249
Cahill Park	9.34% 41
Garden Club Park	37.81% 166
Rogue River Nature Trail	62.87% 276
Glen Park	22.10% 97
Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park	78.36% 344

Heritage Parkland and Nature Trail	18.68%	82
Downtown Waterfront Dam Area	92.03%	404
Total Respondents: 439		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	none	11/2/2018 8:53 AM
2	Sowerby Park Rockford MI	11/2/2018 8:51 AM
3	meijer garden	11/2/2018 7:52 AM
4	grand rapids	11/2/2018 7:46 AM
5	Wabisis State Park	11/1/2018 8:40 AM
6	altitude	11/1/2018 8:35 AM
7	dog park	10/31/2018 8:07 AM
8	horse barn	10/31/2018 8:01 AM
9	NRMS, rouge wood elementary	10/31/2018 6:56 AM
10	Dog park	10/31/2018 6:55 AM
11	We also consider Parkside and the rum creek trail as park	10/31/2018 6:17 AM
12	Luton Park	10/30/2018 2:50 PM
13	Townsend, Pickerel Lake,	10/19/2018 7:46 PM
14	None. Poison water.	10/17/2018 10:49 AM
15	Dog park	10/17/2018 7:15 AM
16	Dog park	10/15/2018 5:57 PM
17	Luten	10/15/2018 3:23 PM
18	Kayaking the Rogue	10/15/2018 11:08 AM
19	bike trail in Cannon Twp	10/12/2018 8:37 AM
20	Belknap Park	10/12/2018 7:01 AM
21	Pickerel Lake Park	10/12/2018 6:40 AM
22	Dog park	10/11/2018 3:08 AM
23	Dog park	10/10/2018 4:05 PM
24	All of them on the map minus Cahill, Glen, Heritages & ocemetety	10/9/2018 11:31 PM
25	Dog park	10/9/2018 9:48 PM
26	Dog park	10/9/2018 9:40 PM
27	Dog Park	10/9/2018 8:49 PM
28	Dog park	10/9/2018 7:54 PM
29	Rockford dog park	10/9/2018 7:49 PM
30	Luton Park	10/9/2018 6:51 PM
31	Townsend	10/9/2018 6:35 PM
32	Dog park	10/9/2018 6:28 PM
33	Dog park	10/9/2018 6:23 PM
34	Dog park	10/9/2018 6:17 PM
35	Dog park	10/9/2018 5:49 PM

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

Answered: 437 Skipped: 76



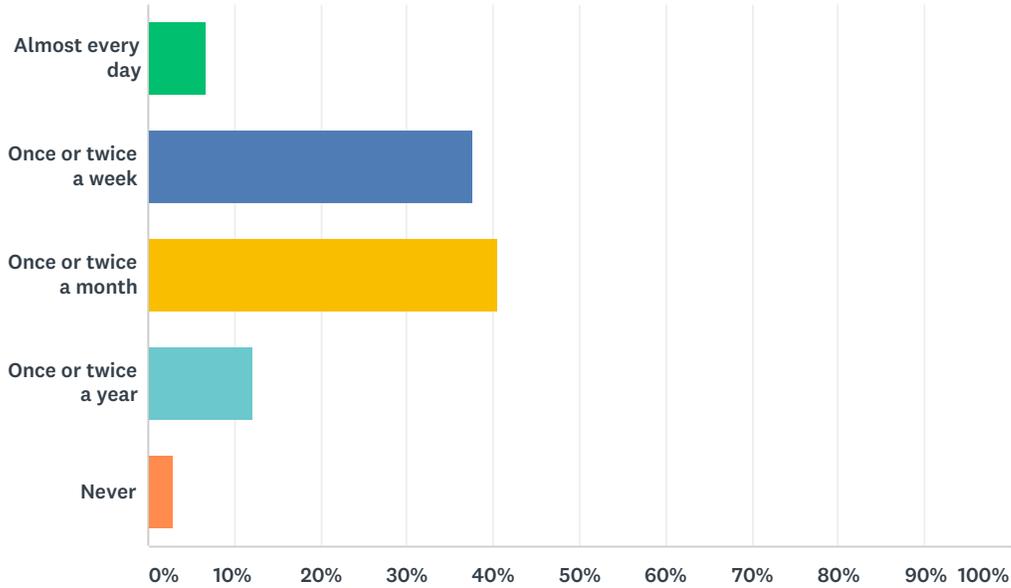
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Memorial Park	1.14%	5
Rotary Park	1.60%	7
Richardson-Sowerby Park	4.58%	20
Pickett Park	7.78%	34
Cahill Park	0.92%	4
Garden Club Park	2.52%	11
Rogue River Nature Trail	5.03%	22
Glen Park	2.06%	9
Fred Meijer White Pine Trail Sate Park	22.65%	99

Heritage Parkland and Nature Trail	0.69%	3
Downtown Waterfront and Dam	51.03%	223
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>437</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	none	11/2/2018 8:53 AM
2	meijer garden	11/2/2018 7:52 AM
3	altitude	11/1/2018 8:35 AM
4	horse barn	10/31/2018 8:01 AM
5	Frederick mires garden	10/31/2018 8:00 AM
6	None. Poison water	10/17/2018 10:49 AM
7	Dog park	10/15/2018 5:57 PM
8	Bike trail in Cannon Twp	10/12/2018 8:37 AM
9	Cannon Township trail starting at Fire Station	10/12/2018 7:56 AM
10	Belknap Park	10/12/2018 7:01 AM
11	Dog park	10/10/2018 4:05 PM
12	Townsend	10/9/2018 6:35 PM
13	Dog park	10/9/2018 6:23 PM

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

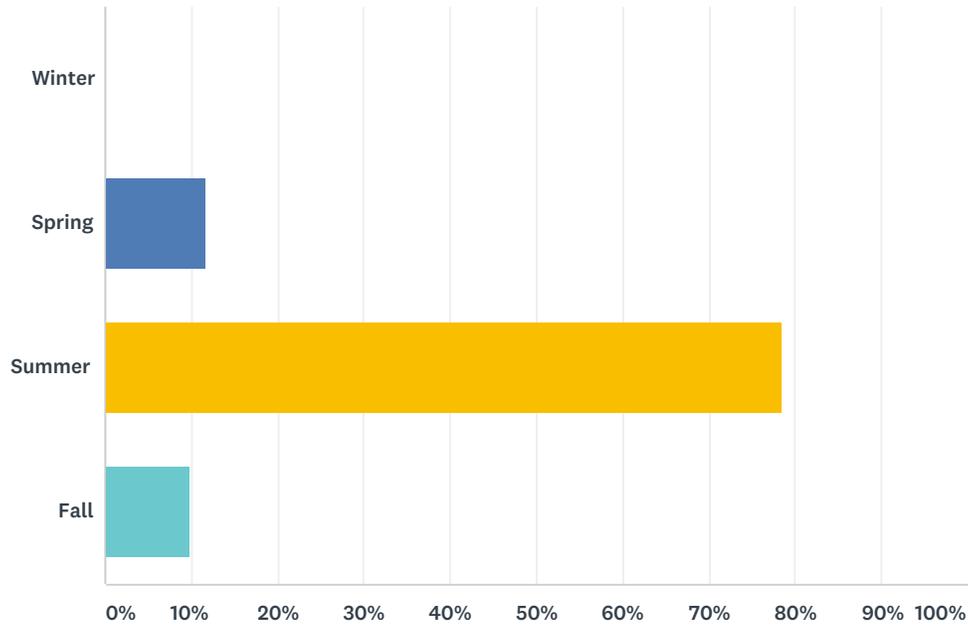
Answered: 440 Skipped: 73



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Almost every day	6.59%	29
Once or twice a week	37.73%	166
Once or twice a month	40.68%	179
Once or twice a year	12.05%	53
Never	2.95%	13
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>440</b>

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

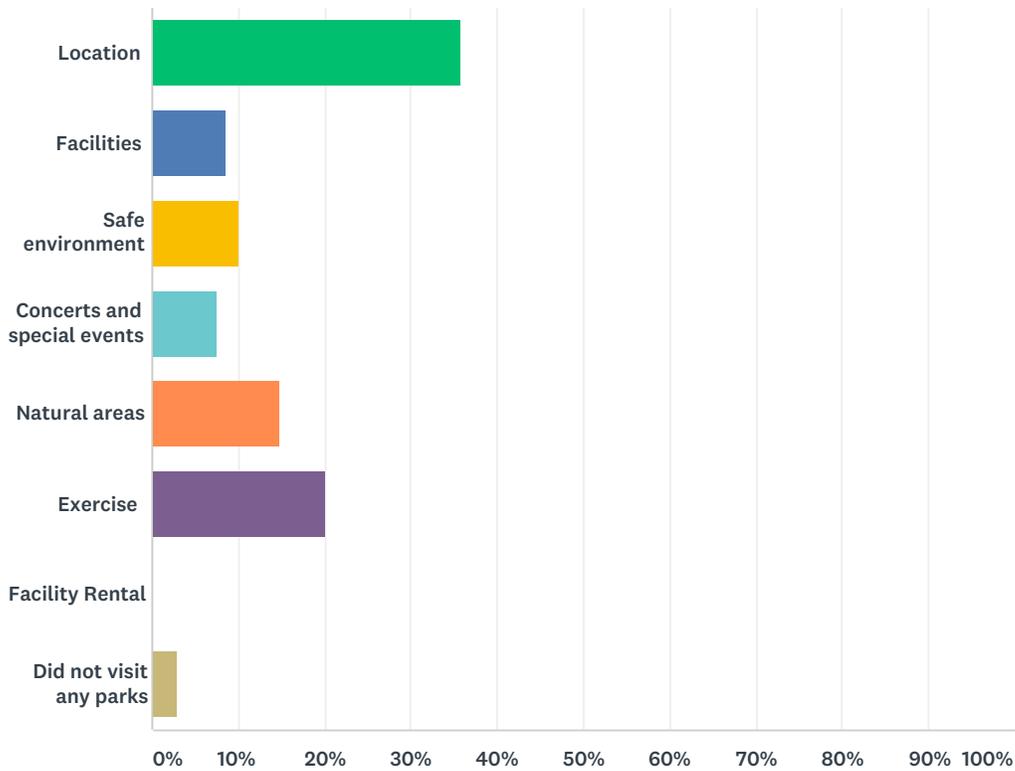
Answered: 436 Skipped: 77



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Winter	0.00% 0
Spring	11.70% 51
Summer	78.44% 342
Fall	9.86% 43
TOTAL	436

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

Answered: 408 Skipped: 105



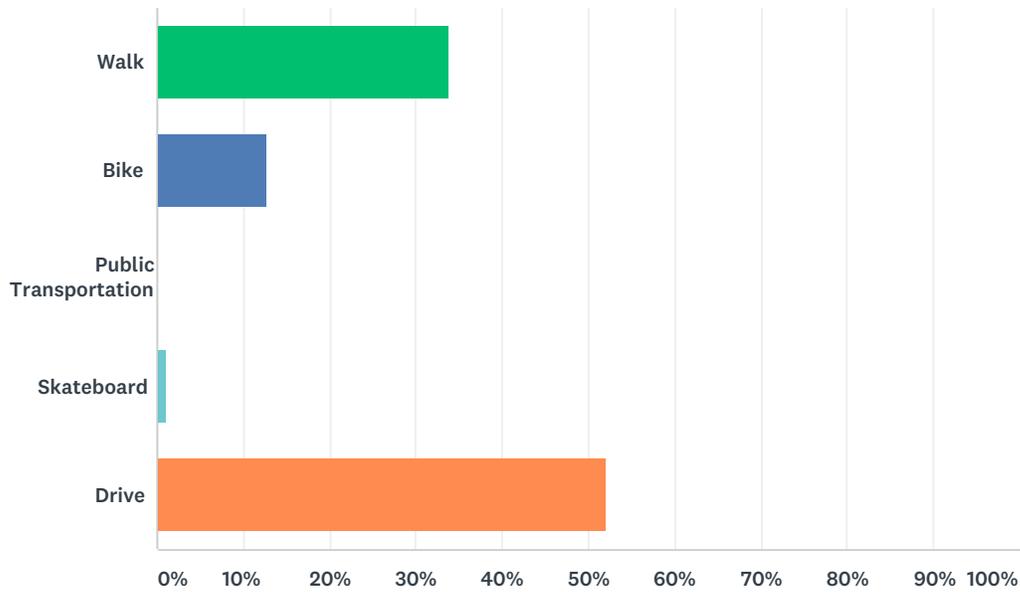
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Location	35.78% 146
Facilities	8.58% 35
Safe environment	10.05% 41
Concerts and special events	7.60% 31
Natural areas	14.95% 61
Exercise	20.10% 82
Facility Rental	0.00% 0
Did not visit any parks	2.94% 12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>408</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	We do really enjoy concerts & special event too.	11/2/2018 2:39 PM
2	summer care	11/2/2018 8:57 AM
3	spending time with friends and family	11/2/2018 8:55 AM
4	my house in an apartment place	11/2/2018 8:54 AM

5	Have fun and get out of the house.	11/2/2018 7:54 AM
6	Just to have fun and get out of the house	11/2/2018 7:53 AM
7	play on stage.	10/31/2018 8:08 AM
8	fun	10/31/2018 8:07 AM
9	play	10/31/2018 8:06 AM
10	beatufle	10/31/2018 8:05 AM
11	For fun/enjoyment	10/31/2018 7:01 AM
12	for fun	10/31/2018 6:58 AM
13	Shops	10/31/2018 6:57 AM
14	family Pick-nick	10/31/2018 6:57 AM
15	sports	10/31/2018 6:57 AM
16	spend time with family	10/31/2018 6:56 AM
17	I have to walk my dogs.	10/31/2018 6:55 AM
18	Weather	10/31/2018 6:55 AM
19	Like lower key places. Don't like the crowds and extra rules and Chios that comes with them. Don't like the high costs and maintenance of excessive fancy development. Like keeping this a small town. The city needs to focus on residents needs, wants and budget. Don't need developers to dictate what to do. Don't need any more multi unit housing. Someone else needs to fund this!!	10/28/2018 6:00 PM
20	Pokemon Go	10/19/2018 9:45 AM
21	walking my dog	10/17/2018 3:27 PM
22	This is a strange question. I visit the dam for many reasons - nature, beauty, people.	10/17/2018 12:18 PM
23	Unlocked bathrooms, we are a family with young children.	10/15/2018 4:06 PM
24	Pickleball Courts would be a great addition to Rockford...all other communities are so far ahead of our community with pickleball courts...	10/12/2018 8:02 AM
25	Riverfront - fishing at Dam and on Rogue	10/12/2018 6:42 AM
26	Play area	10/11/2018 10:22 PM
27	Living in college	10/10/2018 5:03 PM
28	Fun outdoor activities	10/10/2018 11:33 AM
29	Handicapped accessible, I have a daughter who is 3 in a wheelchair and I look for parks with features like paved walkways, wheelchair swings, handicapped accessible bathrooms.	10/10/2018 9:50 AM
30	Availability of parking	10/9/2018 10:42 PM
31	playground	10/9/2018 9:43 PM
32	Entertainment for myself or my child	10/9/2018 9:03 PM
33	Children's play equipment	10/9/2018 8:33 PM
34	Kids activities	10/9/2018 8:21 PM
35	Splash pad	10/9/2018 8:10 PM
36	Restaurants and ice cream	10/9/2018 7:50 PM
37	Family activities including playgrounds and events	10/9/2018 5:54 PM
38	Playgrounds	10/9/2018 5:53 PM
39	Restroom available	10/9/2018 5:41 PM
40	The look of the park, honestly. Especially when we bring out of town guests and family.	10/9/2018 5:41 PM

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

Answered: 420 Skipped: 93



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Walk	33.81% 142
Bike	12.86% 54
Public Transportation	0.24% 1
Skateboard	0.95% 4
Drive	52.14% 219
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>420</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Drive	11/2/2018 8:55 AM
2	we drive to a nearby parking lot then walk	11/2/2018 8:55 AM
3	mom drives me.	11/2/2018 8:54 AM
4	none	11/2/2018 7:53 AM
5	I don't do this but I think that it would be fun to ride my hover board.	11/2/2018 7:53 AM
6	run	11/2/2018 7:46 AM
7	bike, walk,and drive	10/31/2018 8:10 AM
8	electric scooter	10/31/2018 8:04 AM
9	non	10/31/2018 8:03 AM
10	drive down the Rockford that walk to the park.	10/31/2018 6:58 AM
11	Drive - THEN bike	10/31/2018 6:57 AM
12	Skating, Biking and Walking.	10/31/2018 6:56 AM

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13	and bike	10/31/2018 6:55 AM
14	Walk AND Bike. Don't need to spend money on parking for out of city residents.	10/28/2018 6:00 PM
15	Ride also...I can walk across Belding Road to Cannon Township Trail	10/12/2018 8:02 AM

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

Answered: 297 Skipped: 216

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Walking my dogs!	11/16/2018 9:34 AM
2	Quiet observation of the natural features.	11/12/2018 10:05 PM
3	Exercise (Run, Bike, etc)	11/5/2018 11:43 PM
4	Running	11/4/2018 9:16 AM
5	walking/cycling	11/2/2018 2:39 PM
6	I like the beautiful view of the trees and when i run or walk around in the city park it is very calm and relaxing.	11/2/2018 10:21 AM
7	dont have a favorite	11/2/2018 9:04 AM
8	swimming/boat racing	11/2/2018 8:57 AM
9	I like to walk to down town Rockford.	11/2/2018 8:56 AM
10	Pickett Park	11/2/2018 8:55 AM
11	being with friends	11/2/2018 8:55 AM
12	soccer.	11/2/2018 8:55 AM
13	Playing on the playgrounds, walking, taking in scenery.	11/2/2018 8:54 AM
14	i climb on the rocks by the dam underneath the bridge	11/2/2018 8:54 AM
15	???????	11/2/2018 8:54 AM
16	Playing on the playground with my little sister.	11/2/2018 8:53 AM
17	the play set and the natural habitat	11/2/2018 8:53 AM
18	The monkey Bars?	11/2/2018 8:52 AM
19	the playground	11/2/2018 8:00 AM
20	What I like about is the damn because you can catch crayfish you can can fish lots of other fun stuff!	11/2/2018 7:56 AM
21	Swing	11/2/2018 7:54 AM
22	Rock wall	11/2/2018 7:53 AM
23	i like to play on the slide	11/2/2018 7:53 AM
24	probably the swings	11/2/2018 7:53 AM
25	none	11/2/2018 7:53 AM
26	swings	11/2/2018 7:53 AM
27	clime	11/2/2018 7:53 AM
28	I would like to put in a basketball court for people to play after school.	11/2/2018 7:52 AM
29	playing with people and sitting and enjoying the outdoors	11/2/2018 7:51 AM
30	running	11/2/2018 7:50 AM
31	white pin trail	11/2/2018 7:49 AM
32	It would be cool if there were a swimming area.Or a bigger fishing area.	11/2/2018 7:49 AM
33	Runing	11/2/2018 7:48 AM
34	running	11/2/2018 7:46 AM

35	Make n take scarecrow	11/1/2018 6:03 PM
36	Fred Meijer	11/1/2018 8:44 AM
37	skipping rocks	11/1/2018 8:42 AM
38	Fishing and swimming	11/1/2018 8:41 AM
39	Bmx or skateboarding	10/31/2018 4:41 PM
40	concerts	10/31/2018 4:13 PM
41	Playgrounds for the kids!	10/31/2018 12:35 PM
42	Swings and slides	10/31/2018 8:26 AM
43	play equipment	10/31/2018 8:10 AM
44	Playing on the stage	10/31/2018 8:08 AM
45	monkey bars	10/31/2018 8:07 AM
46	I don't have a favorite	10/31/2018 8:07 AM
47	the water fall	10/31/2018 8:06 AM
48	The stage and the waterfountain	10/31/2018 8:05 AM
49	ice cream	10/31/2018 8:05 AM
50	playing	10/31/2018 8:04 AM
51	A walk	10/31/2018 8:04 AM
52	the parks and trail	10/31/2018 8:03 AM
53	none	10/31/2018 8:03 AM
54	playing with my brother	10/31/2018 8:03 AM
55	1. Playing on a playground	10/31/2018 8:02 AM
56	walking	10/31/2018 8:02 AM
57	I to walk around with my family	10/31/2018 7:59 AM
58	soccer	10/31/2018 7:58 AM
59	running	10/31/2018 7:58 AM
60	walking	10/31/2018 7:29 AM
61	Observing nature	10/31/2018 7:01 AM
62	Walk around and visit the dam.	10/31/2018 6:59 AM
63	Dont go to parks	10/31/2018 6:59 AM
64	the playground	10/31/2018 6:58 AM
65	the ice cream places	10/31/2018 6:58 AM
66	My favorite recreational activity in a City Park is when you get to sit down and when their is activity's for everyone in your family. Like the dog parks or the playgrounds.	10/31/2018 6:58 AM
67	Walking around and looking at the scenery.	10/31/2018 6:58 AM
68	playing games with my friends	10/31/2018 6:57 AM
69	basketball	10/31/2018 6:57 AM
70	family pick-nicks	10/31/2018 6:57 AM
71	playing soccer	10/31/2018 6:57 AM
72	to play with friends	10/31/2018 6:57 AM
73	Biking, dog walking	10/31/2018 6:57 AM
74	The concerts during the summer down by the dam.	10/31/2018 6:56 AM

75	enjoying the water at the dam or the rogue river	10/31/2018 6:56 AM
76	white pine trail	10/31/2018 6:56 AM
77	I don't know	10/31/2018 6:56 AM
78	Soccer.	10/31/2018 6:56 AM
79	Start of summer celebration	10/31/2018 6:55 AM
80	walking	10/31/2018 6:55 AM
81	Walking my dogs.	10/31/2018 6:55 AM
82	The start of summer celebration	10/31/2018 6:55 AM
83	walking the trails	10/31/2018 6:54 AM
84	walking the trail	10/31/2018 6:54 AM
85	Walking around with friends.	10/31/2018 6:54 AM
86	Walk	10/31/2018 6:44 AM
87	Walking our dog. Alsobwalking with friends	10/31/2018 6:18 AM
88	Walking on the White Pine Trail to take a trip to a playground.	10/31/2018 12:01 AM
89	relaxation	10/30/2018 6:22 PM
90	Wading in the river.	10/30/2018 4:53 PM
91	Playing ball with my dog.	10/28/2018 6:00 PM
92	Walking and fishing	10/24/2018 12:18 PM
93	Playground	10/24/2018 11:30 AM
94	Playground for kids	10/24/2018 9:55 AM
95	Photography & Listening to Music	10/24/2018 9:19 AM
96	Walking	10/20/2018 6:39 PM
97	Pickleball at Belknap Park in Grand Rapids	10/20/2018 4:07 AM
98	Walking	10/19/2018 7:47 PM
99	Eating	10/19/2018 9:45 AM
100	Bike, walk, attend concerts	10/18/2018 9:22 PM
101	Playground and trails	10/18/2018 5:50 PM
102	Dog Park	10/18/2018 4:10 PM
103	Walking and biking trails.	10/18/2018 3:07 PM
104	I would love better playground equipment for my and other kids to play on. I currently bring my 3 year old and 2 year old to Jenison or Hudsonville for their amazing park features, especially the fenced in splash pads. I drive many other places than my hometown for better park options.	10/18/2018 2:36 PM
105	Hiking	10/18/2018 7:38 AM
106	Walking, looking at ducks in waterways, being in a wooded area, seeing people walk dogs- all very important	10/18/2018 7:01 AM
107	Kids playground	10/18/2018 5:54 AM
108	Blues on the Rogue	10/17/2018 9:27 PM
109	Play equipment	10/17/2018 8:39 PM
110	Just walking around	10/17/2018 8:26 PM
111	Walking	10/17/2018 4:47 PM
112	Riding my bike or reading a book.	10/17/2018 3:44 PM
113	walking	10/17/2018 3:27 PM

114	Christmas lightening ceremony	10/17/2018 2:56 PM
115	live Music	10/17/2018 2:47 PM
116	Play ground	10/17/2018 1:41 PM
117	Walking	10/17/2018 12:18 PM
118	Walking downtown	10/17/2018 11:45 AM
119	playground	10/17/2018 11:35 AM
120	Holiday lights Concerts	10/17/2018 11:31 AM
121	We walk our dogs, let our toddler run and play in the playground, and enjoy nature.	10/17/2018 11:09 AM
122	Hiking	10/17/2018 10:58 AM
123	Playground for kids	10/17/2018 10:50 AM
124	Walking	10/17/2018 10:25 AM
125	Walking	10/17/2018 10:00 AM
126	Being riverside.	10/17/2018 9:05 AM
127	Playground	10/17/2018 8:23 AM
128	Walking	10/17/2018 7:50 AM
129	Running	10/17/2018 7:44 AM
130	Running and walking	10/17/2018 7:19 AM
131	Walking	10/17/2018 7:16 AM
132	Swings	10/17/2018 7:15 AM
133	Playing on playground equipment with my son.	10/17/2018 7:14 AM
134	Reading a book	10/16/2018 11:07 PM
135	Walking my dog	10/16/2018 7:31 PM
136	Running	10/16/2018 7:00 PM
137	Walking	10/16/2018 3:45 PM
138	Having safe and pretty areas to walk my dog.	10/16/2018 10:02 AM
139	Enjoying the environment with my family and dogs.	10/16/2018 6:21 AM
140	Playing with my kids on the playgrounds, relaxing, picknicking and exercising.	10/15/2018 10:34 PM
141	People watching	10/15/2018 9:05 PM
142	Geocaching, hiking and biking	10/15/2018 7:19 PM
143	Sit on blanket and relax/listen To Concert/bands	10/15/2018 6:12 PM
144	Walking the trails	10/15/2018 5:58 PM
145	Enjoying the native plants that are on the White Pine Trail planted by Rockford students and Trout Unlimited!	10/15/2018 5:55 PM
146	Walking.	10/15/2018 5:14 PM
147	The beautiful scenery	10/15/2018 4:28 PM
148	Meeting friends, letting kids play (on playsets), areas to ride bikes, community activities (music, etc), places to eat.	10/15/2018 4:06 PM
149	strolling	10/15/2018 3:52 PM
150	Kid activities	10/15/2018 2:48 PM
151	Having fun with the kids	10/15/2018 2:15 PM
152	Depends on the park. Check out river and walk around. Let kids play. Walk, bike or other wheels on trail. Etc.	10/15/2018 1:33 PM

153	Hike	10/15/2018 1:13 PM
154	bike riding	10/15/2018 12:57 PM
155	Running/biking/walking on white pine trail	10/15/2018 12:44 PM
156	Ice cream at Dam	10/15/2018 12:31 PM
157	Rockford Blues Series	10/15/2018 11:51 AM
158	I enjoy walking, my kids and husband like to fish.	10/15/2018 11:39 AM
159	Walking	10/15/2018 11:21 AM
160	Biking	10/15/2018 11:09 AM
161	Pickleball	10/15/2018 8:09 AM
162	Walking	10/14/2018 11:53 PM
163	Cycling	10/14/2018 9:33 PM
164	WALKING	10/14/2018 3:34 PM
165	Walking	10/13/2018 2:33 PM
166	Running	10/13/2018 1:13 PM
167	Pickleball, which I currently have to go to another city park to play.	10/13/2018 6:14 AM
168	Walking our dogs or bike riding	10/12/2018 9:10 PM
169	Walking the dogs or bike riding	10/12/2018 9:02 PM
170	Nature watching.	10/12/2018 8:52 PM
171	We want to play pickleball.	10/12/2018 5:45 PM
172	Walking	10/12/2018 10:54 AM
173	Hammock	10/12/2018 9:02 AM
174	it would be pickleball if you offered it but now it is taking a walk or bike ride	10/12/2018 8:41 AM
175	Exercise, outside beauty, being re-energized by the outdoors??	10/12/2018 8:02 AM
176	Pickleball	10/12/2018 7:02 AM
177	Pickleball, but not available yet in Rockfordx	10/12/2018 6:42 AM
178	Pickleball	10/12/2018 5:22 AM
179	Play grounds	10/11/2018 10:22 PM
180	Run	10/11/2018 9:34 PM
181	pickleball if it were available, otherwise just being in nature and walking	10/11/2018 9:23 PM
182	Hike	10/11/2018 9:23 PM
183	Biking	10/11/2018 8:33 PM
184	Concerts & biking	10/11/2018 7:42 PM
185	Scenery	10/11/2018 6:45 PM
186	Biking and concerts	10/11/2018 6:31 PM
187	Exercise	10/11/2018 6:30 PM
188	walking	10/11/2018 3:30 PM
189	Biking	10/11/2018 3:22 PM
190	Nature walk	10/11/2018 3:18 PM
191	it would be pickleball if there were courts	10/11/2018 2:56 PM
192	Blues Series	10/11/2018 10:58 AM
193	Swings	10/11/2018 8:05 AM

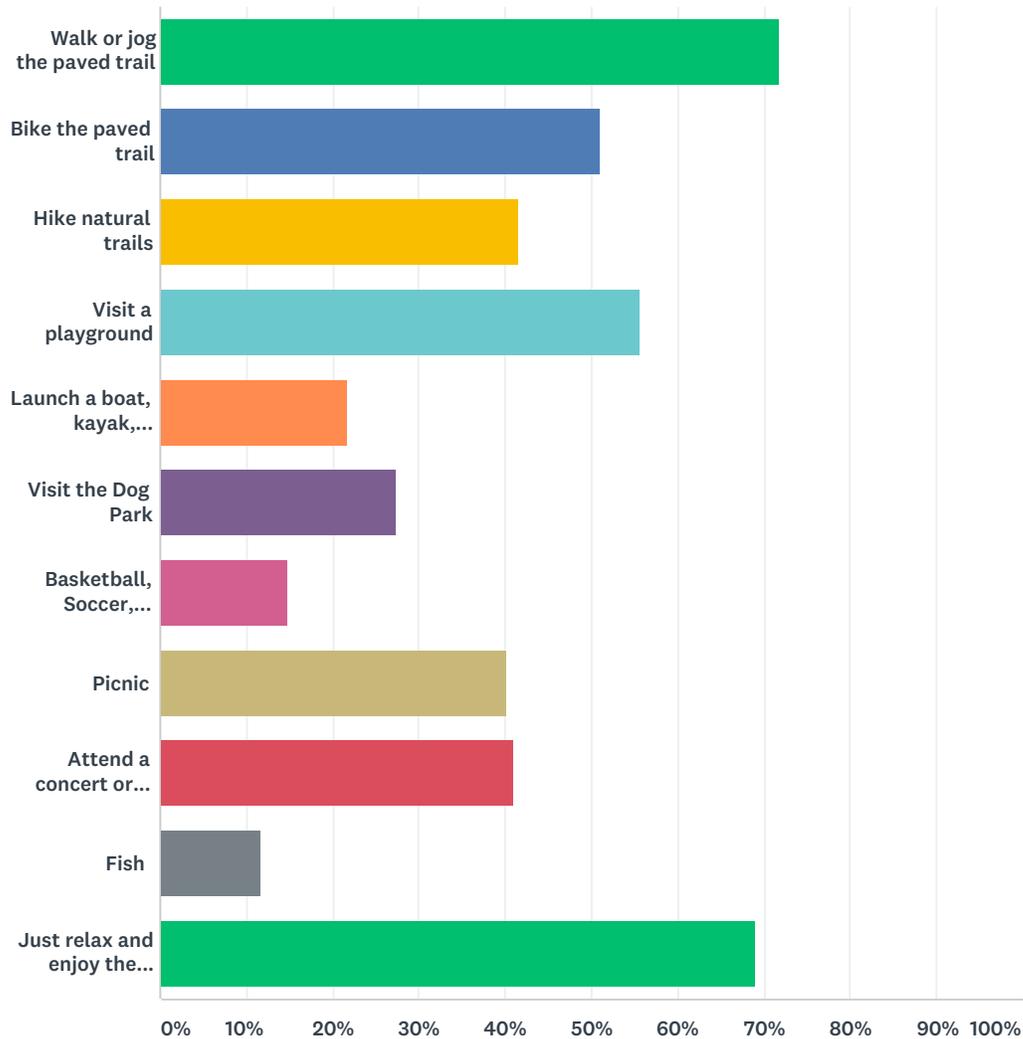
194	Cycling, kayaking, paddle boarding, hiking	10/11/2018 6:05 AM
195	Play area for the kids. Whether it's a playground or splash pad or both	10/11/2018 6:04 AM
196	Play grounds and splash pads	10/11/2018 4:32 AM
197	Walking with my children	10/11/2018 3:09 AM
198	Splash Pad for my kids	10/10/2018 10:12 PM
199	My kids love the playgrounds	10/10/2018 10:03 PM
200	Waking, running, music.	10/10/2018 9:39 PM
201	Nature trails/outdoor sports	10/10/2018 7:38 PM
202	Picnicking	10/10/2018 5:05 PM
203	Strolling and studying	10/10/2018 5:03 PM
204	Kids activities	10/10/2018 12:19 PM
205	Watching the kids play	10/10/2018 11:33 AM
206	listening to music	10/10/2018 11:29 AM
207	Biking, kids playing	10/10/2018 10:40 AM
208	Swings, playgrounds, walking paths in the woods, picnic tables to meet other parents for play days.	10/10/2018 9:50 AM
209	Playscape forkids	10/10/2018 7:32 AM
210	Playground for kids	10/10/2018 7:11 AM
211	people watching	10/10/2018 7:03 AM
212	Coming to participate in special events. Walking/exploring with my family.	10/10/2018 6:35 AM
213	Picnic and playing with the kids	10/10/2018 6:03 AM
214	Concerts	10/10/2018 5:42 AM
215	I have little kids so we go to the parks we can walk to a lot, but they are growing out of them and would love a splash pad we could walk to!!!	10/10/2018 5:17 AM
216	Walking	10/10/2018 5:16 AM
217	Disc golf at rotary	10/10/2018 12:42 AM
218	Exploring nature	10/9/2018 11:34 PM
219	Walking	10/9/2018 9:58 PM
220	Walking	10/9/2018 9:52 PM
221	Playing with my pup.	10/9/2018 9:48 PM
222	Walking.	10/9/2018 9:46 PM
223	Walking, hanging with kids	10/9/2018 9:43 PM
224	playground	10/9/2018 9:43 PM
225	Walking dog	10/9/2018 9:41 PM
226	Bike and run dog	10/9/2018 9:38 PM
227	Running	10/9/2018 9:35 PM
228	Spending time with my kids.	10/9/2018 9:32 PM
229	I wish we would have a splash pad!	10/9/2018 9:24 PM
230	Walking	10/9/2018 9:19 PM
231	Enjoying being outside. Depends on the park. We do all activities	10/9/2018 9:16 PM
232	As a family with young kids we search out playgrounds. Including nature walks and trails are highly requested from our boys.	10/9/2018 9:15 PM

233	Walk	10/9/2018 9:03 PM
234	Playgrounds	10/9/2018 9:03 PM
235	Trails, hiking	10/9/2018 9:00 PM
236	Play ground with children	10/9/2018 8:59 PM
237	Dog Park! Or exercising	10/9/2018 8:50 PM
238	Splash pad, playground, trails	10/9/2018 8:47 PM
239	Watching my children play	10/9/2018 8:33 PM
240	Walking & letting kids play.	10/9/2018 8:26 PM
241	Play with kids	10/9/2018 8:25 PM
242	Biking, hiking	10/9/2018 8:22 PM
243	Playground for kids	10/9/2018 8:21 PM
244	Playground	10/9/2018 8:12 PM
245	Playground equipment, splash pad	10/9/2018 8:10 PM
246	Playground for the kids	10/9/2018 8:03 PM
247	Walking	10/9/2018 7:50 PM
248	Hikes and playground area	10/9/2018 7:46 PM
249	Just taking a walk, getting ice cream	10/9/2018 7:40 PM
250	Walking, play grounds, bike riding	10/9/2018 7:34 PM
251	Splash pad	10/9/2018 7:33 PM
252	walking	10/9/2018 7:29 PM
253	Playground	10/9/2018 7:28 PM
254	Riding my Ike or watching the water and fishing activity on the dam	10/9/2018 7:28 PM
255	Play ground for kids	10/9/2018 7:27 PM
256	Playground	10/9/2018 7:26 PM
257	Playground, Exercise, and Sightseeing	10/9/2018 7:24 PM
258	Run, bike	10/9/2018 7:19 PM
259	Playgrounds and taking walks	10/9/2018 7:14 PM
260	Playground	10/9/2018 7:09 PM
261	Walking dog	10/9/2018 7:05 PM
262	Running	10/9/2018 6:55 PM
263	Biking	10/9/2018 6:55 PM
264	Walking my dog.	10/9/2018 6:53 PM
265	Walking	10/9/2018 6:52 PM
266	Play on equipment	10/9/2018 6:49 PM
267	Walk around	10/9/2018 6:44 PM
268	I love the festivities: concerts and events most	10/9/2018 6:43 PM
269	Trails and children's activities	10/9/2018 6:40 PM
270	Splash pad/swings	10/9/2018 6:36 PM
271	Walking/hiking	10/9/2018 6:33 PM
272	A splash pad	10/9/2018 6:28 PM
273	Play ground/walking	10/9/2018 6:27 PM

274	Playgrounds	10/9/2018 6:26 PM
275	Dog walking	10/9/2018 6:26 PM
276	People watching	10/9/2018 6:25 PM
277	Dog park	10/9/2018 6:24 PM
278	Playground and nature trails	10/9/2018 6:20 PM
279	Running, walking the dog	10/9/2018 6:20 PM
280	Walking and enjoying the water/dam with my grandchildren. Also like having picnics in Pickett Park	10/9/2018 6:15 PM
281	Playground equipment	10/9/2018 6:15 PM
282	Playground	10/9/2018 6:14 PM
283	Just letting the kids play.	10/9/2018 6:11 PM
284	Walking my dog. Sitting on the benches and watching kids play. Meeting friends at the park to chat while kids play.	10/9/2018 6:09 PM
285	Splash pad - we need one	10/9/2018 6:05 PM
286	Running and playing with my children.	10/9/2018 6:03 PM
287	Walking	10/9/2018 6:02 PM
288	Bike	10/9/2018 5:57 PM
289	Watching the fish jump at the dam and walking on the trail.	10/9/2018 5:57 PM
290	Playing with my kids	10/9/2018 5:54 PM
291	Grandkids love the playgrounds & water	10/9/2018 5:53 PM
292	Music and walking	10/9/2018 5:52 PM
293	Bike	10/9/2018 5:45 PM
294	Walking	10/9/2018 5:42 PM
295	Playground	10/9/2018 5:41 PM
296	Walking on paths and around the dam etc. the cuter it is the more we go and take others.	10/9/2018 5:41 PM
297	Walk my dog	10/9/2018 5:40 PM

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

Answered: 413 Skipped: 100



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Walk or jog the paved trail	71.67% 296
Bike the paved trail	51.09% 211
Hike natural trails	41.65% 172
Visit a playground	55.69% 230
Launch a boat, kayak, paddleboard or canoe	21.79% 90
Visit the Dog Park	27.36% 113
Basketball, Soccer, Baseball/Softball	14.77% 61
Picnic	40.19% 166
Attend a concert or special event	40.92% 169
Fish	11.62% 48

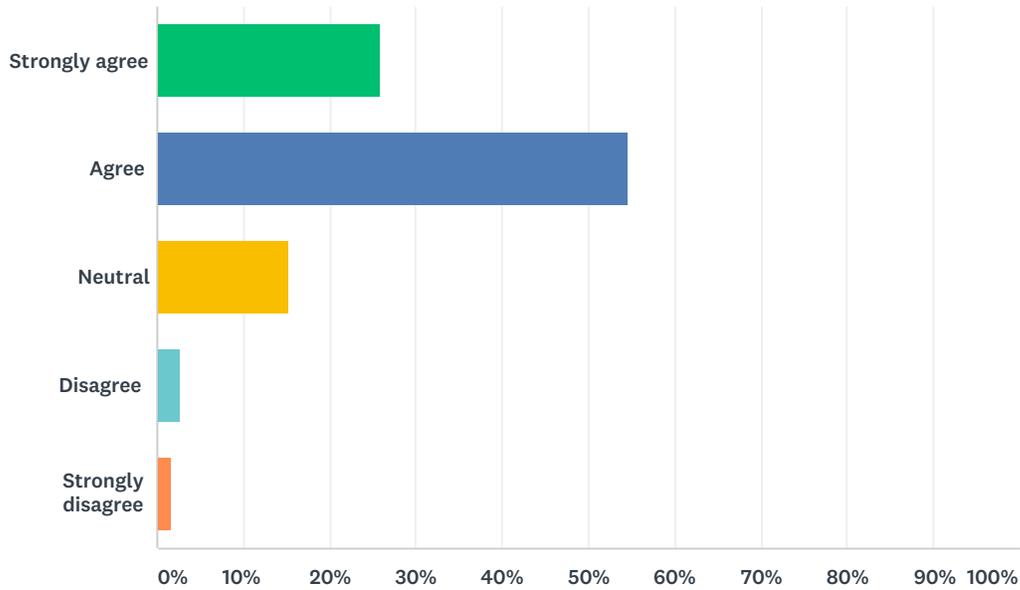
Just relax and enjoy the outdoors 69.01% 285

Total Respondents: 413

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	find "rockford focks" that are hidden around rockford with friends	11/2/2018 8:59 AM
2	Play Around	11/2/2018 8:56 AM
3	Exercise	11/2/2018 8:56 AM
4	play with my friends or just sit alone.	11/2/2018 8:54 AM
5	none	11/2/2018 7:55 AM
6	skate boarding	11/2/2018 7:52 AM
7	skip rocks	11/1/2018 8:43 AM
8	frisby	10/31/2018 8:06 AM
9	scooter around the trail	10/31/2018 8:03 AM
10	rollerskate	10/31/2018 8:02 AM
11	big play ground	10/31/2018 7:59 AM
12	go to all the stores.	10/31/2018 6:58 AM
13	Often places are getting to crowded to enjoy.	10/28/2018 6:03 PM
14	PICKLEBALL	10/14/2018 3:35 PM
15	Would love pickleball too...great community among pickleball players....	10/12/2018 8:03 AM
16	Pickleball	10/12/2018 7:03 AM
17	Pickleball	10/12/2018 6:42 AM
18	pickleball	10/11/2018 9:24 PM
19	Splash pad!	10/10/2018 5:17 AM
20	Disc golf	10/10/2018 12:42 AM
21	Inline skating	10/9/2018 9:42 PM
22	Splash pad	10/9/2018 8:11 PM

### Q10 The park facilities are clean:

Answered: 414 Skipped: 99



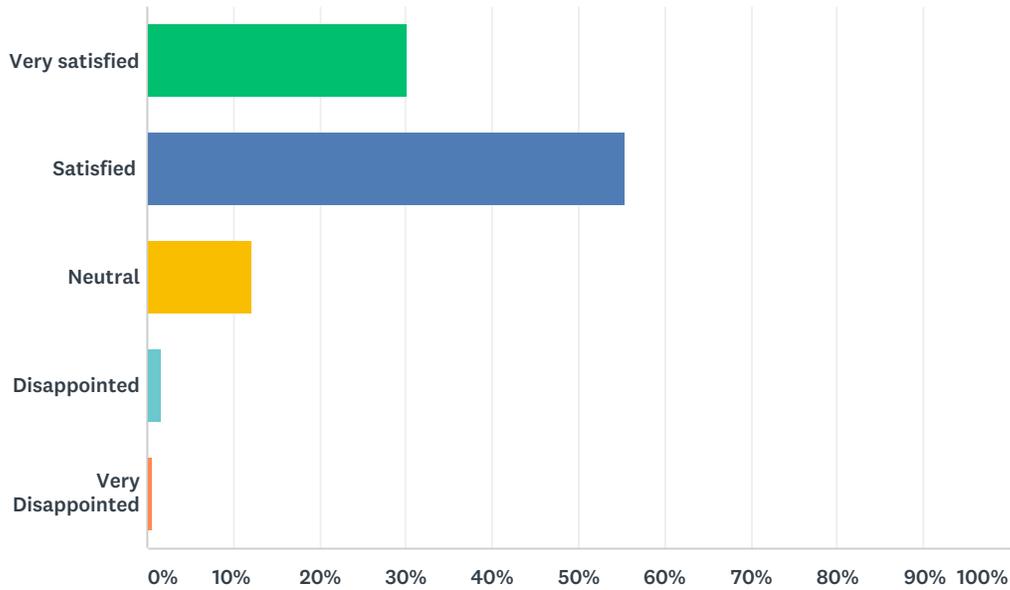
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	25.85%	107
Agree	54.59%	226
Neutral	15.22%	63
Disagree	2.66%	11
Strongly disagree	1.69%	7
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>414</b>

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	I did an environment project last year where myself and a friend worked to clean up trash on the White Pine trail. There was far more to clean up than we could have imagined.	11/5/2018 11:45 PM
2	ive seen an old wooden chest close to the river behind a resturant by the copper abraham linkon statue	11/2/2018 8:59 AM
3	Some city parks are Clean and some are dirty	11/2/2018 8:56 AM
4	In Pickett Park I find dog poop almost every where.	11/2/2018 8:56 AM
5	i had never had a problem with that	11/2/2018 8:55 AM
6	There is not too many trash cans, so there is some trash on the ground.	11/2/2018 8:55 AM
7	ushally there is trash but sometimes there is not	11/2/2018 8:54 AM
8	I think that it is neutral because everybody touches it.	11/2/2018 7:57 AM
9	They usually smell bad, and it's really dark in there so i usually get a bit scared.	11/2/2018 7:56 AM
10	I don't know because I have ever ben their	11/2/2018 7:55 AM
11	the parks are so relaxing its just great its a place that calming beyond borders	11/2/2018 7:52 AM
12	I have been to a lot of parks but I think that the parks are very clean!	11/2/2018 7:51 AM

13	I have only been to a park once but,The parks are very clean.	11/2/2018 7:48 AM
14	More trash cans	11/1/2018 8:43 AM
15	Cool	10/31/2018 8:10 AM
16	seriously?	10/31/2018 8:05 AM
17	non	10/31/2018 8:04 AM
18	nice but i see some trash and I do not like the spray paint on the bridge side	10/31/2018 8:03 AM
19	The park facilities are not always clean. Sometimes they can be, but mostly they are really gross.	10/31/2018 7:06 AM
20	I'll see a few pieces of trash here and there but it over all is pretty clean.	10/31/2018 6:59 AM
21	i see some people liter but other than that it's great	10/31/2018 6:58 AM
22	never have seen garbage very nicely well kept	10/31/2018 6:58 AM
23	I don't think that they are the cleanest but they get the job done. but I do think that they need new benches.	10/31/2018 6:57 AM
24	Some people just leave trash around at Pickett sometimes but not often.	10/31/2018 6:56 AM
25	When they are unlocked.	10/30/2018 4:54 PM
26	Some parks (like Glen Park) do not have facilities. Some parks do not have trash cans.	10/30/2018 2:52 PM
27	Need to empty trash cans more often, especially during and after an event.	10/28/2018 6:03 PM
28	Occasionally trash cans are overflowing. Thank you for providing poop bag dispensers.	10/20/2018 4:09 AM
29	Part of the trail this summer was really overgrown.	10/17/2018 11:46 AM
30	Dog droppings on the trail are an issue, especially in winter.	10/15/2018 5:15 PM
31	Additional trash cans along the white pine trial (south of 10 mile).	10/15/2018 9:02 AM
32	It would be a great asset to your community to have outdoor pickleball courts	10/11/2018 2:57 PM
33	Lots of bird poop at kayak drop off	10/9/2018 9:04 PM
34	It's be nice if the dog Park was better maintained.	10/9/2018 8:50 PM
35	The garbage can at Glen Park is often overflowing in the summer.	10/9/2018 8:21 PM
36	Trash recepticles are often full. Not changed often enough.	10/9/2018 8:05 PM
37	Don't use them	10/9/2018 6:30 PM
38	Spider webs on the dam can make it look run down	10/9/2018 5:41 PM

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

Answered: 412 Skipped: 101



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	30.10%	124
Satisfied	55.34%	228
Neutral	12.14%	50
Disappointed	1.70%	7
Very Disappointed	0.73%	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>412</b>

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	Some of the city's downtown activities diminish the quietude of our natural parks.	11/12/2018 10:07 PM
2	I like to play with my brother and go down the fire pole's	11/2/2018 8:57 AM
3	It is very fun but, more interesting playground equipment would be nice.	11/2/2018 8:57 AM
4	In Pickett Park I find dog poop almost every where.	11/2/2018 8:56 AM
5	not amazing but not horrible.	11/2/2018 8:55 AM
6	could have been better	11/2/2018 7:59 AM
7	I love these parks but they all seem the same to me	11/2/2018 7:58 AM
8	you need more fun stuff for older kids	11/2/2018 7:58 AM
9	very good	11/2/2018 7:58 AM
10	There are not a lot of fun thing in the parks but you should get a splash pad for hot summer days. I think every park in Rockford should get a splash pad!!!	11/2/2018 7:56 AM
11	like i said amusing and calming	11/2/2018 7:53 AM
12	awsome	10/31/2018 8:06 AM

13	it could have more trails	10/31/2018 8:06 AM
14	fine	10/31/2018 8:05 AM
15	non	10/31/2018 8:04 AM
16	Not VERY satisfied.	10/31/2018 8:04 AM
17	some parts are dirty but when you get into it they are mostly clean . the ramp by the bridge or the Richardson park	10/31/2018 7:00 AM
18	i think they could use some new attractions	10/31/2018 7:00 AM
19	I love the parks!	10/31/2018 6:59 AM
20	family friendly and very fun	10/31/2018 6:59 AM
21	Not much provided for people to do above the age of 13.	10/31/2018 6:58 AM
22	Garbage could be picked up more often during busy times especially the weekend.	10/31/2018 6:45 AM
23	We need better park equipment for all kids, but especially younger kid play equipment. I currently bring my kids to many other communities for their amazing playgrounds. We lack the most in almost all communities I have been especially Jenison. A fenced in splash pad would be great!	10/18/2018 2:38 PM
24	Urgently need to address Parking situation and I think all would pick Very Satisfied	10/17/2018 2:49 PM
25	Pickett park can smell weird and the water fountain usually dug up.	10/17/2018 1:42 PM
26	#8 seems like it's cheap compared to some we've seen in the UP.	10/17/2018 11:48 AM
27	I would like to see a bit more seating. Sometimes the benches/picnic tables are full and I have back issues so sitting is very important to me!	10/17/2018 7:42 AM
28	Love what we offer but there is not enough for the "older children" Rock climbing, skateboard park	10/13/2018 2:35 PM
29	with all Rockford has to offer there are zero pickleball courts...we have everything else, and I support them but it is long overdue	10/12/2018 8:45 AM
30	Disappointed that so many cities are ahead of our community with pickleball courts available...the fastest growing sport, a family all ages sport, get to know your neighbors sport...Many Rockford residents taking this survey we met on the pickleball courts....I feel even more part of our great city getting to know them....□	10/12/2018 8:07 AM
31	But we definitely need Pickleball courts!	10/11/2018 6:32 PM
32	Need a splash pad in rockford	10/11/2018 6:05 AM
33	All of the trails are great, playgrounds could have more for kids to do. Overall good impression.	10/10/2018 7:41 PM
34	The playgrounds for the kids are in need of a major update. It would be great to have some new playground equipment especially for the parks within walking distance to the dam. We would frequent the parks more often if there was new and updated playgrounds for the kids. It would be great to have equipment for various ages of the kids. In comparison to other parks we visit in different cities, the playground equipment in Rockford (parks near the dam) are old and outdated.	10/10/2018 10:43 AM
35	They need more handicapped accessible swing for children or disabled adults in wheelchairs.	10/10/2018 9:50 AM
36	Bathroom at Glen Park would be ideal!	10/10/2018 7:12 AM
37	Need splash pad	10/9/2018 9:25 PM
38	Would love a splash pad	10/9/2018 9:04 PM
39	We do travel to Sparta often because of their splash pad	10/9/2018 8:34 PM
40	Fun for the kids but the playground equipment is a little dated at most of the parks we visit.	10/9/2018 8:06 PM
41	Would love a splash pad!!!	10/9/2018 7:28 PM
42	Wish there was a splash pad	10/9/2018 7:10 PM
43	I wish there was a splash pad in Rockford.	10/9/2018 6:38 PM
44	But wish there was a splash pad!	10/9/2018 6:06 PM
45	I think Rockford would benefit from a nice splash pad.	10/9/2018 5:56 PM

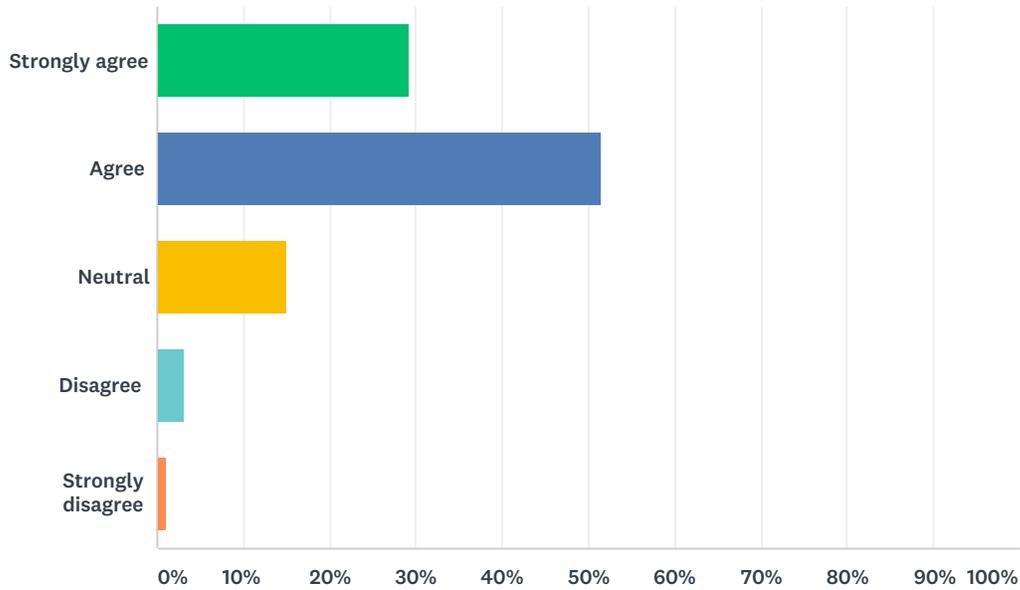
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46	We always wish there was a splash pad at one of the parks we frequent. One like the park/splash pad in jenison would be amazing.	10/9/2018 5:36 PM
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## Q12 The park facilities are well maintained:

Answered: 412 Skipped: 101



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	29.37%	121
Agree	51.46%	212
Neutral	15.05%	62
Disagree	3.16%	13
Strongly disagree	0.97%	4
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>412</b>

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	There are times when the trash is overflowing but otherwise very clean	11/2/2018 2:40 PM
2	sometimes it is bad.	11/2/2018 8:55 AM
3	no toilets do not have toilet paper the lights are not good.	11/2/2018 7:59 AM
4	Needs better lights it is to dark!	11/2/2018 7:59 AM
5	They usually don't have toilet paper and its very dark in the bathrooms.	11/2/2018 7:58 AM
6	There are not a lot of bad thing in that park. So, i strongly agree that the parks are well atained	11/2/2018 7:56 AM
7	don,t really now haven,t been in 1 year	10/31/2018 8:08 AM
8	at picket park were you go down the slide you see a bunch of writing same with a few other parks	10/31/2018 8:05 AM
9	non	10/31/2018 8:04 AM
10	They look pretty well taken care of.	10/31/2018 6:59 AM
11	tables are always clean and so is the ground	10/31/2018 6:59 AM
12	I've never seen anyone enforce rules their oh clean up, however I know someone does clean up.	10/31/2018 6:58 AM
13	Some playground equipment is showing age and could use maintenance.	10/31/2018 12:02 AM

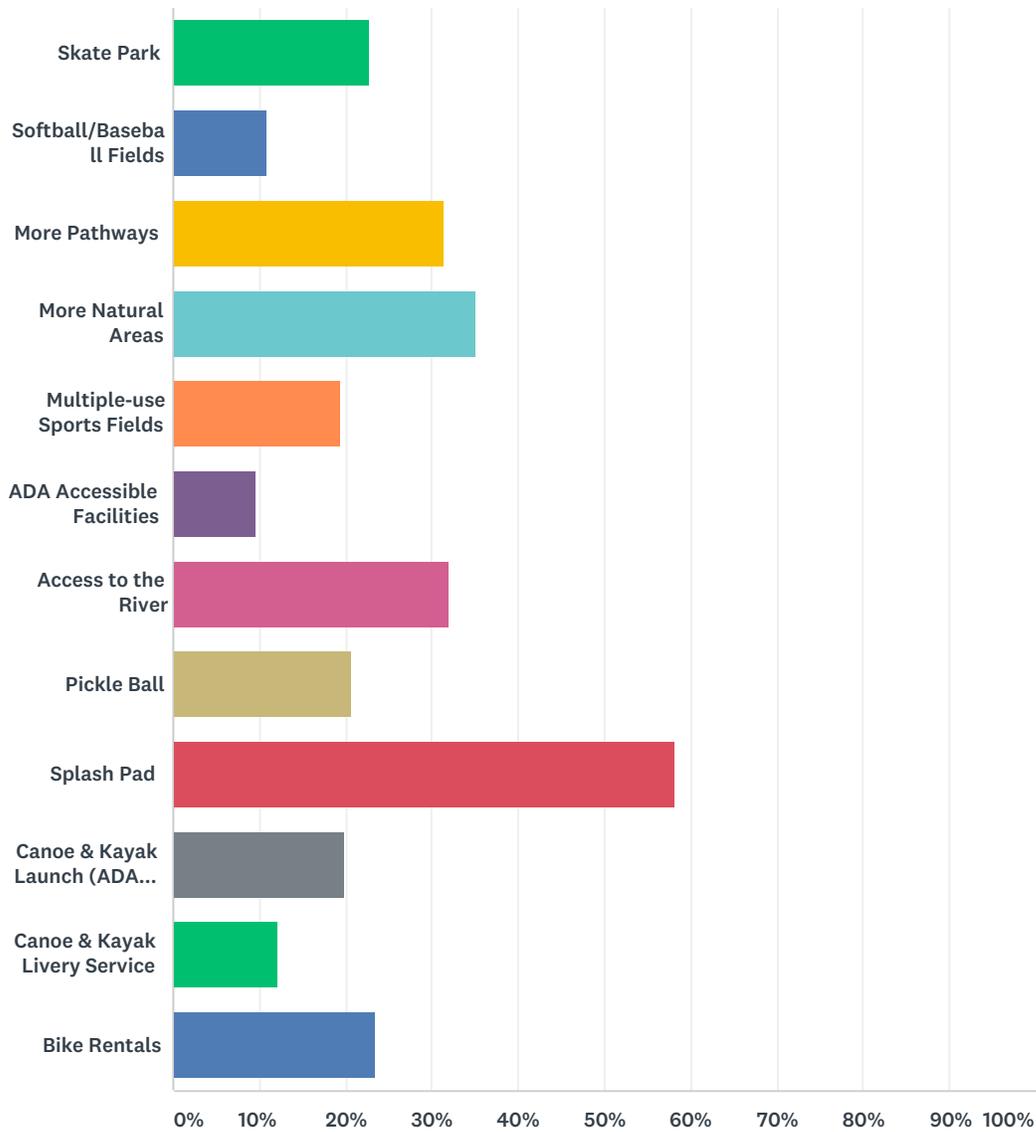
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14	Need to scale down our plans to build any more. Cancel plan to extend walkway. It is not something our small city can afford. Have the surrounding community pay their fair share and you'll see what bad budget decisions we have made. The city has already recklessly spent more than we can afford.	10/28/2018 6:09 PM
15	We are blessed to live in Rockford...	10/12/2018 8:07 AM
16	Some playground equipment could stand to be updated/is looking worn.	10/9/2018 8:22 PM
17	New women's bathroom downtown would be great	10/9/2018 5:41 PM

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### 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: 396 Skipped: 117



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Skate Park	22.73%	90
Softball/Baseball Fields	10.86%	43
More Pathways	31.31%	124
More Natural Areas	35.10%	139
Multiple-use Sports Fields	19.44%	77
ADA Accessible Facilities	9.60%	38
Access to the River	32.07%	127

Pickle Ball	20.71%	82
Splash Pad	58.08%	230
Canoe & Kayak Launch (ADA Accessible)	19.95%	79
Canoe & Kayak Livery Service	12.12%	48
Bike Rentals	23.48%	93
Total Respondents: 396		

#	DREAM BIG IDEAS (SPECIFY BELOW)	DATE
1	Outdoor workout space	11/5/2018 11:47 PM
2	Ice skating	11/4/2018 9:18 AM
3	concert pavillion	11/2/2018 2:41 PM
4	My dream big ideas for downtown Rockford would be if we had a bigger park and a little more in the open so it doesn't always take long to get down to the park i also think we need more movies in the park so famlies can get more close.	11/2/2018 10:36 AM
5	cocents for 10-15, camp sites, ice cream place, takies.	11/2/2018 8:58 AM
6	A bus system.	11/2/2018 8:57 AM
7	Community Pool or an ice skating rink/roller skating.	11/2/2018 8:05 AM
8	I would love love love love love a community pool. I would also love a little area with basketball courts, tennis racks, and more. I would also love roller skating rink.	11/2/2018 8:05 AM
9	i what a pool	11/2/2018 8:04 AM
10	Get a swimming pool for the summer. Get a rock wall.	11/2/2018 8:02 AM
11	nature meseum	11/2/2018 8:01 AM
12	we need BASKETBALL PARKS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	11/2/2018 7:59 AM
13	SKATE PARK I NEED A SKATE PARK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	11/2/2018 7:57 AM
14	swimming	11/2/2018 7:55 AM
15	maybe a mini golf course?	11/2/2018 7:55 AM
16	swimming pool	11/2/2018 7:54 AM
17	pool during the summer	11/2/2018 7:53 AM
18	Tennis courts, go cart track, more playgrounds, garden with big fountain.	11/1/2018 6:08 PM
19	A nice skate park that isn't super regulated	10/31/2018 4:42 PM
20	Water park	10/31/2018 8:15 AM
21	tire swings,more ice cream places,whater park	10/31/2018 8:11 AM
22	trampoline parks	10/31/2018 8:10 AM
23	many soccer fields	10/31/2018 8:10 AM
24	Ford field	10/31/2018 8:09 AM
25	a park, a place to carve you name so that it stays.	10/31/2018 8:08 AM
26	pet store and more dog places	10/31/2018 8:08 AM
27	More Trees please.	10/31/2018 8:07 AM
28	A pool! (You don't have to do it.)	10/31/2018 8:07 AM
29	golf club	10/31/2018 8:07 AM
30	horse barn	10/31/2018 8:05 AM

31	tennis court	10/31/2018 8:03 AM
32	Mabey a basket ball court	10/31/2018 8:02 AM
33	A splash pad would be fun for kids of all ages.	10/31/2018 7:01 AM
34	A Dance Floor!	10/31/2018 7:01 AM
35	small water park	10/31/2018 7:01 AM
36	the river getting more use like having kayak rentals near the river so people can have the option to go on the rouge river if they so, please.	10/31/2018 7:01 AM
37	A very nice public soccer field with bleachers.	10/31/2018 7:00 AM
38	Bike trail- SAFE ACCESS to white pine trail from Shaw Estates without having to drive.	10/31/2018 6:59 AM
39	soccer nets	10/31/2018 6:59 AM
40	Water Park	10/31/2018 6:57 AM
41	A nice open area for small R/C Aircraft and such	10/31/2018 6:57 AM
42	A softball/baseball field.	10/31/2018 6:57 AM
43	soccer feild.	10/31/2018 6:55 AM
44	The School District really dropped the ball for the community when they backed out of the skate park in the late '90s. This doesn't seem to be a priority now, but the School District should be challenged to come to the table and participate in the discussion about how they should contribute to the community for recreation and open space.	10/31/2018 12:04 AM
45	A zip-line area over the river would be super cool!	10/30/2018 2:54 PM
46	Outdoor Ice Skating Rink	10/30/2018 2:26 PM
47	Having a park like maplewood in jenison would be amazing. Food trucks allowed around the dam would be great especially for tuesday concerts	10/24/2018 9:56 AM
48	I envision an outdoor multi-use structure on the wolverine property that had multilevel parking on the street side and businesses/activities mentioned above on the river side. Art would be necessary to enhance the beauty of the area. A similar concept to what has been done in EGR w/ their parking garage and sculpture.	10/24/2018 9:32 AM
49	Please connect up to Plainfield Township and other trails	10/18/2018 9:24 PM
50	More trails that connect trails	10/18/2018 5:55 PM
51	Shaded benches/ seating areas along trails. Some covered areas that have bathroom facilities.	10/18/2018 3:10 PM
52	All of our parks lack decent playground equipment. Even our schools all lack decent playground equipment. All other areas I drive to have much better facilities...especially Jenison. A fenced in splash pad would be great!	10/18/2018 2:40 PM
53	Make things now accessable for people with wheelchairs, sensory issues, and families with children. Hire an occupational therapist to help you design the new Park to make sure it's more accessable	10/18/2018 7:03 AM
54	SPLASH PAD! Please! Doesn't have to be huge just a fountain to cool off in- similar to Grand Haven (not Sparta- that is kind of a waste!)	10/17/2018 9:29 PM
55	To add Public Bathrooms by the dam	10/17/2018 3:51 PM
56	More parking at the community cabin	10/17/2018 3:29 PM
57	<a href="https://www.ez-dock.com/kayakcanoe-launches/">https://www.ez-dock.com/kayakcanoe-launches/</a>	10/17/2018 1:56 PM
58	It's trees to shade parks so they can be used more in the summer.	10/17/2018 1:43 PM
59	Outdoor water park. No splash pad. A full water park with slides. Lazy river, all of it	10/17/2018 12:27 PM
60	Bridge over the Rogue River connecting #8 an the White Pine Trail.	10/17/2018 11:50 AM
61	Restrooms	10/17/2018 11:34 AM
62	Outdoor ice rink Obstacle course High ropes, tree climb course Something for teens to do	10/17/2018 11:00 AM

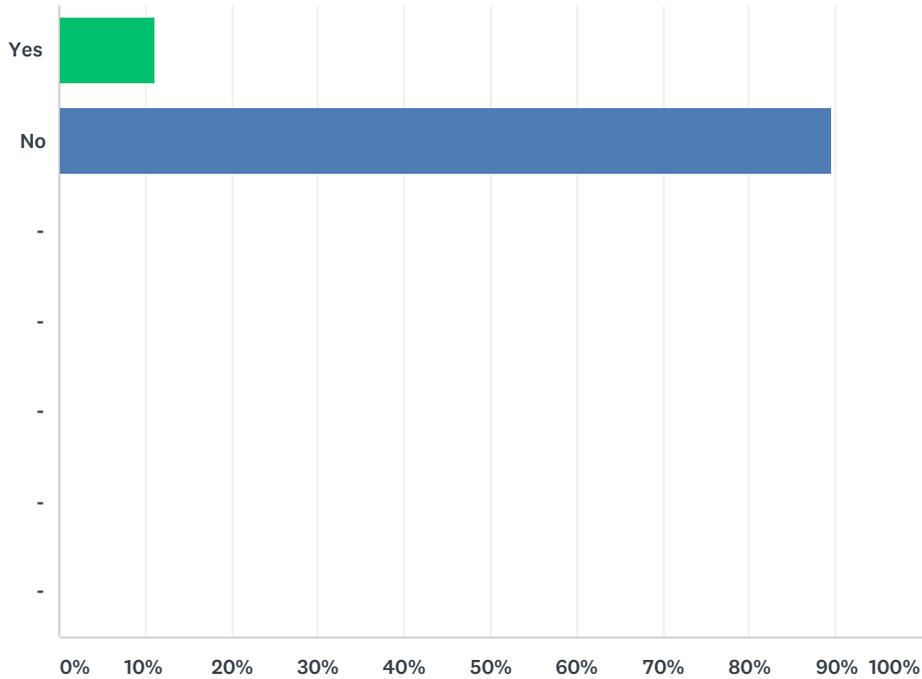
63	Clean water.	10/17/2018 10:52 AM
64	I live our in cannon township. Would love to see easy access to trails that connect to the city of Rockford and its schools and municipalities that involves little to no driving required. Think Ada. Roadways and their shoulders are not enjoyable or safe for walkers and bikers.	10/17/2018 10:28 AM
65	More toddler-friendly play equipment	10/17/2018 7:16 AM
66	Splash pad for kids and dogs. Please connect the white pine trail and or downtown paths to Summit street from River Street to 12 and then East down 12 mile road to White Pine Trail. Connect Summit Ave street homes to white pine trail and downtown Rockford. Please add walk path/bike/paved path.	10/16/2018 10:06 AM
67	Pickleball courts please!	10/16/2018 7:56 AM
68	Adult swings in the parks More covered areas for shade at picket park	10/15/2018 9:08 PM
69	more public bathrooms and drinking fountains	10/15/2018 7:23 PM
70	Outdoor ice rink	10/15/2018 5:09 PM
71	An official large Christmas tree	10/15/2018 3:29 PM
72	ICE SKATING RINK!!!	10/15/2018 2:16 PM
73	swimming areas, if it were safe to swim more parking areas outside of town to access the white pine trail	10/15/2018 1:00 PM
74	Improved areas for rollerblading - the White Pine is getting too many cracks that are not repaired well, making tripping hazards for rollerblading.	10/15/2018 11:53 AM
75	Recently returning from Oregon they had very simple electric scooters that were absible to rent thru an app. Very cool idea for people to explore the trails. Again would like to see things offered for the older child/teen.	10/13/2018 2:40 PM
76	12 fenced in cts	10/13/2018 12:53 PM
77	I'm an avid tennis player but I would say we have way too many tennis courts going unused and could be converted to pickleball courts	10/12/2018 11:43 AM
78	Take the old WWW tannery location and build the pickleball courts there. Great location, parking across the street too.	10/12/2018 10:56 AM
79	6 fenced in courts with lights	10/12/2018 8:46 AM
80	Pickleball is a big dream for many people in our community...I look forward to meeting more Rockford people on our great new pickleball courts...I am a dreamer☺	10/12/2018 8:29 AM
81	Belknap, Cascade & Ada all have beautiful pickleball courts, and it's about time we had better options for indoor and outdoor playing!	10/12/2018 6:44 AM
82	Rickford is way behind in available space to play pickleball. Check out Belnap park in GR. Fabulous place for community fellowship and activity. It would be great to have a venue to have pickleball tournaments. Please get advice on the length and width of the courts.	10/11/2018 6:52 PM
83	Pickleball, Pickleball, Pickleball!! It's time to make something for the Seniors of Rockford!! If course it's not just a Seniors sports anymore!	10/11/2018 6:35 PM
84	Dedicated outdoor pickleball courts It would be great to have a facility with dedicated indoor courts also	10/11/2018 2:58 PM
85	Splash pad, natural playground for kids, disc golf course, whitewater park, outdoor concert ampatheatr (larger than the current stage near water)	10/10/2018 7:46 PM
86	Walking/foot only trails. (For safety reasons.)	10/10/2018 5:07 PM
87	A skate park would be great for the kids to get outside! I also would like a spot where I can catch up with friends and just sit and talk in a safe, well-lit area. A spot for food trucks would be great! Think how cool a food truck event would be!	10/10/2018 5:05 PM
88	More movies in the park for families. The community that I grew up in had free movies every Friday night in the Summer. Vendors could pay an fee to sell snacks and drinks to cover the cost of the movies.	10/10/2018 11:33 AM

89	Updated playgrounds! Splash pads. Something similar to the park and splash pad area in Jenison would be great.	10/10/2018 10:45 AM
90	I'd like to see old tannery area turned into soccer fields in the summer and a city ice rink in the winter. The space is an eyesore and should be put to use! Soccer fields cost little to maintain and local clubs would likely PAY for the use of them. See city park in Downtown Douglas. Also, downtown Glen Arbor turns their basketball courts into skating rinks each winter. Downtown Zeeland has an excellent version of a splash pad.	10/10/2018 10:40 AM
91	A splash pad similar to Lamar Park in Wyoming, MI would be wonderful for this area. There are so many young families in the area. Also handicapped accessibility, as I have a child in a wheelchair who still likes to play with her friends and siblings.	10/10/2018 9:54 AM
92	Splash pad. Safer bike/walking paths along roads (12 mile).	10/10/2018 9:42 AM
93	Bike path from Saddle Ridge sub to downtown Rockford	10/10/2018 7:33 AM
94	Splash Pad would be AMAZING!!!!	10/10/2018 7:13 AM
95	Volleyball courts.	10/10/2018 5:45 AM
96	Splash pad!	10/10/2018 5:19 AM
97	A paid parking ramp - there is NEVER enough parking downtown on a normal day let alone on peak times. We would gladly pay a few bucks to have a guaranteed place to park close to downtown. The money could go towards funding more park improvements/maintenance.	10/9/2018 10:45 PM
98	Better toilets/changing areas,	10/9/2018 10:00 PM
99	More dog park	10/9/2018 9:51 PM
100	more bathrooms at the parks with playgrounds.	10/9/2018 9:45 PM
101	Outdoor ice rink in winter	10/9/2018 9:43 PM
102	Trail or pathway connecting Rockford to Sparta!!! Like Townsend Park trail! It can be done!	10/9/2018 9:42 PM
103	Splash pad would be awesome!!!!	10/9/2018 9:27 PM
104	Connect more neighborhoods with white pine trail and downtown Rockford. This would offer more opportunities for families to get on a bike and go to downtown events and consequently build stronger community.	10/9/2018 9:27 PM
105	Would LOVE a walking bridge to connect over the rouge river a tad bit further north than the dam. Maybe pops out in the parking lot near wolverine shoes and connects from the neighborhood across from Valley View.	10/9/2018 9:25 PM
106	Splash pad please!!!!	10/9/2018 9:04 PM
107	More Parking lots	10/9/2018 9:04 PM
108	Natural music play area	10/9/2018 9:01 PM
109	Outdoor exercise equipment	10/9/2018 8:52 PM
110	More picnic areas/tables along river, new library near river, updated playground, cleaning up overgrown shrubbery along river, frisbee golf,	10/9/2018 8:38 PM
111	Splash pad!!!! We desperately need in this area. Also not just for use of city residents.	10/9/2018 8:28 PM
112	Community pool	10/9/2018 8:27 PM
113	Large natural park with playgrounds and a splash pad, like Millenium Park	10/9/2018 8:24 PM
114	Outdoor seating/ tables in an area that is like a cozy flower garden , where people would bring lunches and coffee , and visit. It would have really pretty plants and flowers	10/9/2018 7:44 PM
115	Dog park	10/9/2018 7:42 PM
116	restrooms	10/9/2018 7:35 PM
117	Public pool	10/9/2018 7:27 PM
118	Playground equipment is pretty basic at most parks.	10/9/2018 7:20 PM
119	Universal Design and going beyond ADA minimums.	10/9/2018 7:08 PM

120	Ampatheater	10/9/2018 6:58 PM
121	Outdoor hockey rink on the Wolverine property! It will be a winter destination! Community pool Dances at the pavilion Summer arts and crafts for kids	10/9/2018 6:54 PM
122	Campground	10/9/2018 6:54 PM
123	You said dream big ideas. Here are 3 ..... (1) Skate park because kids have nowhere to skate legally. (2) Would like to see the pond behind memorial park lit during winter and allow ice skating in the evening. Have the lights just bright enough to dimly light the pond. No spotlights. Install path around that pond that is as natural looking as possible with benches for resting, watching skaters in winter, or wildlife in summer. Keep the path from memorial park to the end plowed. Add lights along the path either at foot level or old fashioned type lights that look like they're gas-lit. (3) After all is done at the area where the tannery was ... have a nice park there with a pavilion, outdoor movies on a more regular basis, a band shell for concerts. Still keep the blues on the rogue where it's at and have various 1x/month shows at this pavilion like a weekend of Shakespeare, or a Saturday of themed concerts, pow wow weekend, travelling petting zoos, etc.	10/9/2018 6:50 PM
124	Parking is often what I hear from friends that don't walk like us	10/9/2018 6:46 PM
125	Water park	10/9/2018 6:39 PM
126	Putt putt golf, community pool with lap pool	10/9/2018 6:29 PM
127	Children's Garden with play areas among flower gardens and paths. We had one near where we used to live. It had a Rainbow Garden (flowers planted in a rainbow shaped bed), butterfly garden, Three Bears Cottage in a wooded area, farm area, Pizza Garden (plants used to make pizza), Peter Rabbit's Garden (play garden area with places to dig), Secret Garden (small hedge maze with iron gates), and a picnic pavilion. I believe it was maintained by the garden club and local volunteers. It was a magical place and we miss it. Rockford would be a perfect home for something like this!	10/9/2018 6:24 PM
128	A splash pad would be awesome! I do not have kids yet, but will in the next few years. I would love to be able to take them here and be close to home in a safe city like Rockford.	10/9/2018 6:11 PM
129	Splash pad will bring lots of people to our town bring more \$ to downtown shops and restaurants. Easy kayak rental and launch would be great too. Bike rentals are awesome.	10/9/2018 6:08 PM
130	Disc golf	10/9/2018 6:00 PM
131	Outside public pool for residents - water park style. My daughter is requesting a gigantic playground that looks like a castle with pirate ships on the outside.	10/9/2018 5:59 PM
132	Need a great hands on splash pad, not a wimpy one like Sparta has	10/9/2018 5:55 PM
133	Community pool, splash pad	10/9/2018 5:37 PM
134	Can you just replace the trails in heritage park. There is a part that is only gravel and the part behind my house has created makes away.	10/9/2018 5:27 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: 400 Skipped: 113



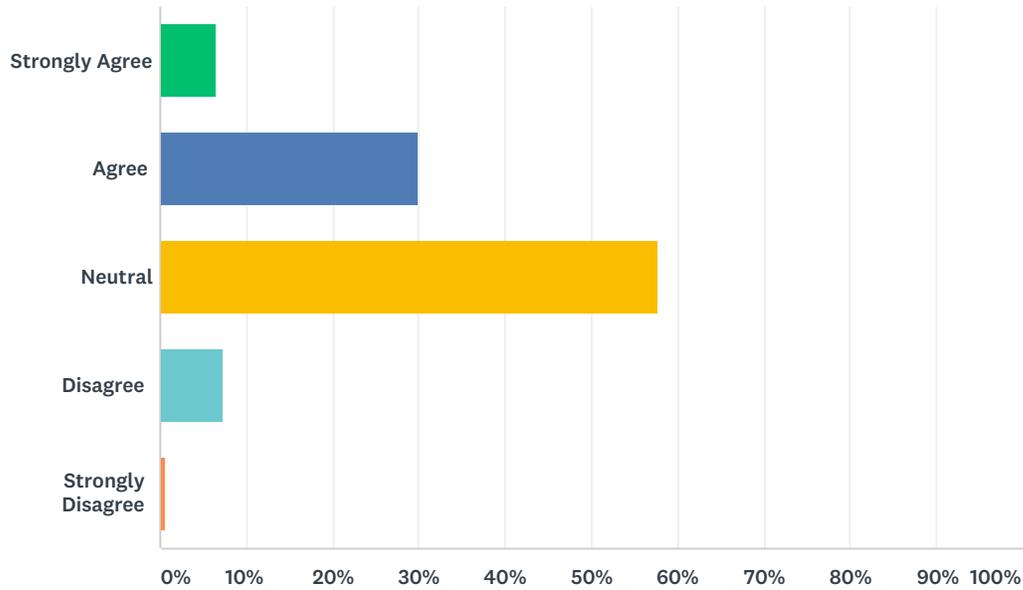
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	11.00%	44
No	89.50%	358
-	0.00%	0
-	0.00%	0
-	0.00%	0
-	0.00%	0
-	0.00%	0
-	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 400		

#	IF YES, PLEASE HELP US BY SPECIFYING THE DISABILITY	DATE
1	My dad.	11/2/2018 8:59 AM
2	asd	11/2/2018 8:03 AM
3	i have 3 brothers with dissabiltys	11/2/2018 7:57 AM
4	if you count dandy walker than yes	11/2/2018 7:55 AM
5	I think it would be helpful for other people but no one needs it in my familky	11/1/2018 6:08 PM
6	to keep it clean	10/31/2018 8:07 AM
7	I don't get the words you are saying.	10/31/2018 8:07 AM

8	yes	10/31/2018 8:05 AM
9	Chronic Knee pains that caused paralyzment.	10/31/2018 7:00 AM
10	Stairs are difficult for our aging parents and parents with health issues from injuries. But I also feel this is important for the community as a whole to be inclusive.	10/24/2018 9:32 AM
11	Not in my household, but as family member who visits in a wheelchair	10/17/2018 12:23 PM
12	Wheelchair	10/17/2018 11:34 AM
13	Hips replaced, knees, back	10/17/2018 10:03 AM
14	But I think this is very important.	10/16/2018 6:23 AM
15	Hip replacement - non- stair access is always appreciated.	10/15/2018 10:36 PM
16	Difficulty walking long distances. Bad knee.	10/15/2018 1:35 PM
17	Wheelchair pickleball is also very popular. Make sure the gate is wide enough to get a wheel chair in.	10/11/2018 6:52 PM
18	Parkinson's	10/11/2018 11:02 AM
19	I do believe every child deserves a chance to play at a playground and would like to see more handicap swings at local parks.	10/10/2018 10:40 AM
20	Our daughter has Cerebral palsy and uses a wheelchair.	10/10/2018 9:54 AM
21	Down syndrome	10/9/2018 9:27 PM
22	But we do have strollers and need to have easy access	10/9/2018 8:35 PM
23	Limited mobility	10/9/2018 8:30 PM
24	Down syndrome & not steady to climb steps on playgrounds.	10/9/2018 8:28 PM
25	Child in a wheelchair who loves the park and play with his peers	10/9/2018 8:14 PM
26	Legally blind; Cerebral Palsy	10/9/2018 7:08 PM
27	Mobility	10/9/2018 6:54 PM
28	At this time it is temporary due to severe back issues so use cake or walker at times. But have a friend that uses an amigo and would love to take advantage of the many trails, but especially the one behind memorial park.	10/9/2018 6:50 PM
29	My mother has early onset Alzheimer's and enjoys nothing more than being outside. She has major vision problems due to her disease. Picnic seating, benches, and ADA pathways are huge to have in the parks - specifically family restrooms. Chairs/benches are also nice (as sitting at picnic tables with attached seats are almost impossible for her to sit at)	10/9/2018 6:47 PM
30	Parkinson	10/9/2018 6:30 PM

## Q15 The current level of ADA accessibility is acceptable:

Answered: 374 Skipped: 139

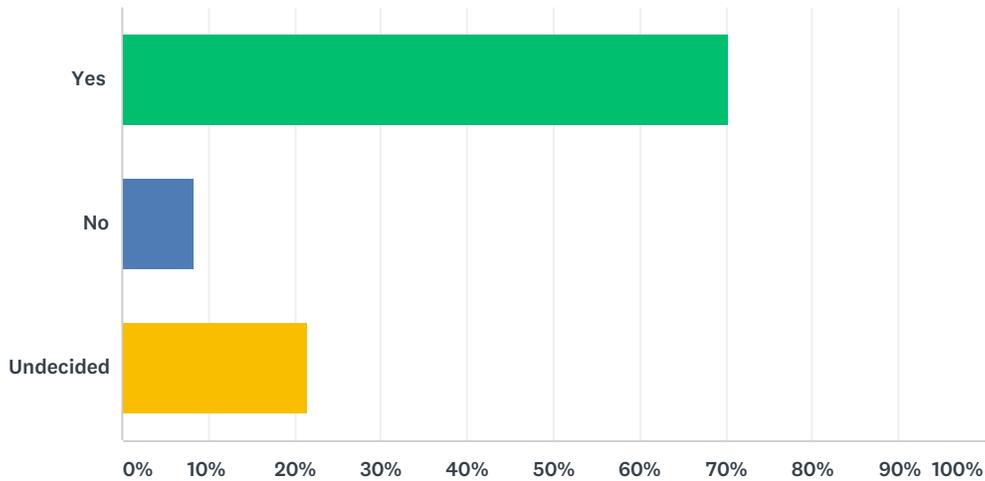


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Agree	6.42%	24
Agree	29.95%	112
Neutral	57.75%	216
Disagree	7.22%	27
Strongly Disagree	0.53%	2
Total Respondents: 374		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	yes	10/31/2018 8:05 AM
2	I Don't really Know I'm a Kid !	10/31/2018 7:01 AM
3	Not applicable	10/30/2018 5:08 PM
4	Encourage ADA accessibility whenever planning.	10/20/2018 4:13 AM
5	I'm not sure because I haven't paid attention.	10/15/2018 2:16 PM
6	I have not looked at accessibility in this light, so I am unsure on this answer	10/15/2018 1:00 PM
7	N/A	10/15/2018 11:23 AM
8	Don't know	10/11/2018 6:31 PM
9	We could really use some wheelchair swings, or handicapped accessible swings at our local playgrounds. Thank you.	10/10/2018 9:54 AM
10	Handicap parents(grandparents) struggle to get to playgrounds.	10/9/2018 7:36 PM
11	Cannot speak to this.	10/9/2018 6:56 PM
12	I don't know.	10/9/2018 6:11 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: 396 Skipped: 117



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	70.20%	278
No	8.33%	33
Undecided	21.46%	85
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>396</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I don't know.	11/2/2018 7:57 AM
2	non	10/31/2018 8:07 AM
3	Safe access to the trail for anyone paying city taxes is a must. Shaw Estates neighborhood does not have safe access. This should be a priority	10/31/2018 7:01 AM
4	ABSOLUTELY!	10/17/2018 7:47 AM
5	Especially Cannon Township system	10/16/2018 3:49 PM
6	It would be great to have not only a walkable community in Rockford but to connect with Grand Rapids and other Kent County and larger trail systems.	10/16/2018 10:09 AM
7	There are so many trails to choose from, they don't all need to be connected	10/12/2018 9:12 PM
8	There are so many trails to choose from, I don't think its necessary to connect them all	10/12/2018 9:07 PM
9	I live on Silver Lake and would love to have the trail or walking path go up Myers Lake Road to connect to Lutten Park...	10/12/2018 8:40 AM
10	Rockford needs more trails safely connecting areas to downtown.	10/10/2018 10:42 AM
11	Yes, but bikers should be 100 percent required to walk their bikes on the downtown area paths	10/9/2018 5:31 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: 161 Skipped: 352

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Safe sidewalks which are isolated from vehicular traffic, but provide pedestrians unlimited access along all of our busy byways within the city limits.	11/12/2018 10:08 PM
2	other trails and neighborhoods	11/2/2018 2:42 PM
3	i dont know	11/2/2018 9:06 AM
4	idk (i don't know)	11/2/2018 9:04 AM
5	a crosswalk on 10 mile near courtland	11/2/2018 9:03 AM
6	I think it is important to have a little space if needed	11/2/2018 9:01 AM
7	I don't now.	11/2/2018 9:00 AM
8	Put more areas where the Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park is able to get to.	11/2/2018 9:00 AM
9	More space to build houses would be nice but also another school so people move there.	11/2/2018 9:00 AM
10	i don't know	11/2/2018 8:58 AM
11	Wider Pathways	11/2/2018 8:56 AM
12	no	11/2/2018 8:03 AM
13	the weight pine trail	11/2/2018 8:02 AM
14	I would like if we could walk down, level to the dam.	11/2/2018 8:00 AM
15	It would be cool if there were a bridge.	11/2/2018 7:59 AM
16	the connection the parks and the out doors bring family together its just something i love	11/2/2018 7:56 AM
17	parks	11/2/2018 7:56 AM
18	?	11/2/2018 7:50 AM
19	Nothing	10/31/2018 4:44 PM
20	Downtown to schools	10/31/2018 4:14 PM
21	Neighborhoods to downtown	10/31/2018 3:22 PM
22	I don't really live in Rockford.	10/31/2018 8:15 AM
23	better stores	10/31/2018 8:12 AM
24	yes	10/31/2018 8:11 AM
25	beter bus likes	10/31/2018 8:11 AM
26	a splash pad in that huge area or waterpark	10/31/2018 8:10 AM
27	connects to school.	10/31/2018 8:10 AM
28	One thing looking more friendly	10/31/2018 8:09 AM
29	Ummmmmmmm... Yes...?	10/31/2018 8:08 AM
30	splash pad	10/31/2018 8:08 AM
31	trails to schools	10/31/2018 8:08 AM
32	horse barn	10/31/2018 8:07 AM

33	school/trails	10/31/2018 8:02 AM
34	schools	10/31/2018 8:00 AM
35	not sure	10/31/2018 7:31 AM
36	downtown and school.	10/31/2018 7:06 AM
37	Linkages to schools so it is easier to get there if you miss the bus or someone cant take you.	10/31/2018 7:06 AM
38	the link right now are good	10/31/2018 7:06 AM
39	Rivers to small lakes	10/31/2018 7:06 AM
40	?	10/31/2018 7:05 AM
41	more trails	10/31/2018 7:02 AM
42	I think paths and trails are most important	10/31/2018 7:02 AM
43	schools	10/31/2018 7:01 AM
44	Shaw Estates at 12 Mile and Northland Drive	10/31/2018 7:01 AM
45	i dont think people would want to be connected i would think they would want privacy.	10/31/2018 7:01 AM
46	Polite and interesting downtown area and clean trails.	10/31/2018 7:01 AM
47	the board walk	10/31/2018 7:00 AM
48	schools	10/31/2018 7:00 AM
49	I feel that neighborhoods and park should be connected so it is easier to access the parks.	10/31/2018 6:59 AM
50	I think the current connection are fine	10/31/2018 6:59 AM
51	To downtown	10/31/2018 6:59 AM
52	maybe add a little fishing store by the dam	10/31/2018 6:59 AM
53	schools, to downtown	10/31/2018 6:59 AM
54	?	10/31/2018 6:58 AM
55	I don't know	10/31/2018 6:58 AM
56	Schools to neighborhoods	10/31/2018 6:58 AM
57	Trails.	10/31/2018 6:56 AM
58	Parks	10/31/2018 6:55 AM
59	High school trail.	10/31/2018 6:46 AM
60	A safer trail system or sidewalk to get to the high school from 10 mile rd	10/30/2018 6:24 PM
61	The apartments behind Meijer to the Highlands.	10/30/2018 4:56 PM
62	A trail to Meijer or down 10 mile to the west. A sidewalk on Childsdale from 10 mile to the WPT. Rental facilities for gatherings would be great too!	10/30/2018 2:56 PM
63	None	10/20/2018 6:40 PM
64	Cannonsburg	10/19/2018 7:49 PM
65	Connect to other jurisdictions and schools	10/18/2018 9:25 PM
66	I would like to see Meyer lake Park connect to the white pine trail	10/18/2018 5:56 PM
67	Walking bridge across the Rogue River connecting the north end of the nature trail to the WPT.	10/18/2018 4:16 PM
68	Rockford high school area to downtown.	10/18/2018 3:11 PM
69	We currently live in 43 North and have to cross Wolven to cut into the Wolven Ridge neighborhood and use a vacant lot to cut into the next sub to use the park there (rockford city owned) then we can walk the trail to Valley View and find our way downtown. It would be nice to have a sidewalk on Wolven to 10Mile and complete sidewalk to town from there, or a legal link/road between wolven ridge and the neighbkrhood they back up against.	10/18/2018 2:44 PM

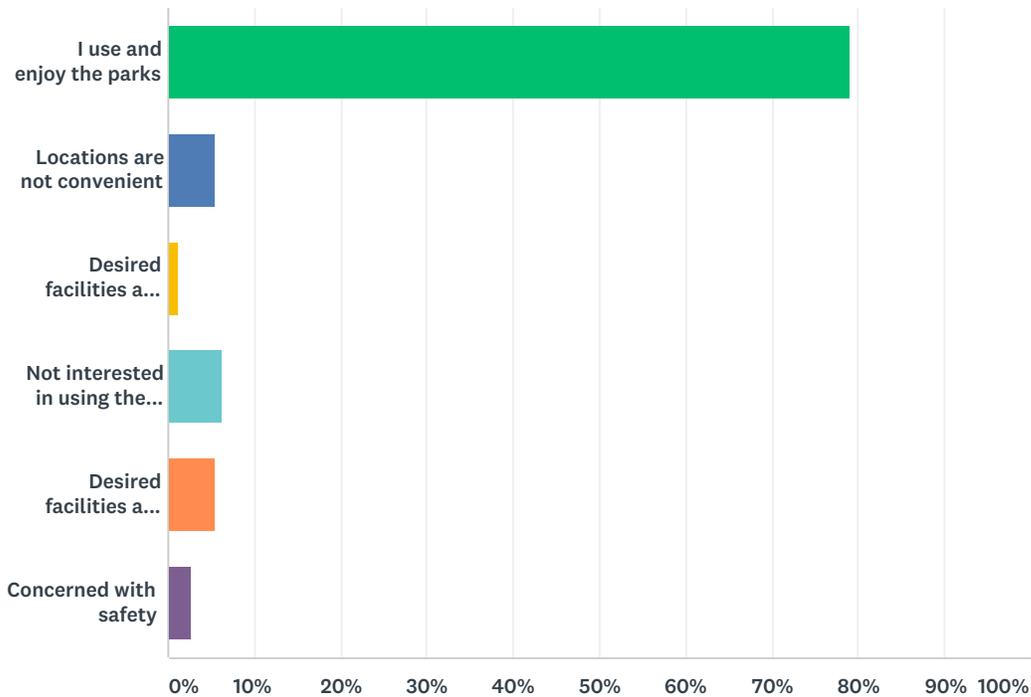
70	A path along Jerricho or Fremont to the high school	10/17/2018 8:30 PM
71	Shaw Estates neighborhood safe walking/biking access to the city/white pine trail.	10/17/2018 4:51 PM
72	Rockford High School and the White Pine Trail.	10/17/2018 3:45 PM
73	Trail to the high school would be great. It would allow people to ride bikes to school functions	10/17/2018 2:59 PM
74	Not sure.	10/17/2018 1:44 PM
75	I don't think extending #8 is necessary.	10/17/2018 11:51 AM
76	Myers lake area to white pine	10/17/2018 11:01 AM
77	High school to the white pine trail	10/17/2018 8:25 AM
78	Connecting Rockford Highlands neighborhood to White Pine Trail and Art Van Complex	10/17/2018 8:04 AM
79	A safe way to get from the Highlands to downtown. (The sidewalk along 10-mile road is not maintained properly and is often overgrown forcing walkers/runners to be too close to the street.)	10/17/2018 7:47 AM
80	Connecting Rockford Highlands to downtown via a safe walking trail	10/17/2018 7:19 AM
81	Connect Luton to Downtown to Merrell	10/16/2018 7:02 PM
82	Courtland Ave connected to downtown and White Pine Trail.	10/16/2018 3:49 PM
83	Please put a walking paved path all along Summit Ave from river street to 12 mile and East on 12 mile to connect to the White Pine Trail.	10/16/2018 10:09 AM
84	Bike trail from White Pine access on Childsdale to Kroes to the high school. Also a bike trail along Jericho to the school.	10/15/2018 7:30 PM
85	Cannon township trail with the trail in front of meadow ridge elementary school	10/15/2018 6:03 PM
86	Parking at some of the parks closest to downtown is sparse.	10/15/2018 6:03 PM
87	Luton park to downtown	10/15/2018 5:57 PM
88	A better (safer) link from Parkside to the white pine trail.	10/15/2018 5:17 PM
89	12 Mile trail entrance could have a sidewalk up 12 Mile connected to Northland Drive.	10/15/2018 4:08 PM
90	Pedestrian bridge across river west of Wolverine show store. Herritage hill walks along 10 mile to Merril trail and ball fields	10/15/2018 3:57 PM
91	Boardwalk further north. Bikes allowed to be walked on boardwalk.	10/15/2018 12:33 PM
92	Rockford is connected enough and additional expenditures are not needed.	10/15/2018 12:18 PM
93	Better East-West trail path/trail options off the White Pine. Working with surrounding townships to connect to Art Van/Merrell Trails and Luton Park	10/14/2018 9:39 PM
94	White pine trail or a trail off of that connecting to high school	10/13/2018 2:42 PM
95	Safe bike route to both Merrell Trail and Luton Park.	10/12/2018 8:57 PM
96	10 mile to Meyers lake	10/12/2018 5:47 PM
97	Neighborhood trails to other neighborhoods	10/12/2018 9:05 AM
98	Myers Lake to 10 mile and to Lutten Park...Myers Lake Road and Belding Road Intersection west to Northland Drive...	10/12/2018 8:40 AM
99	The need for pickleball courts should be top priority! There are over 1200 GRPB members...not counting many players who play at WMCA's, churches and other facilities that are outside the GR and Rockford area. Rockford is missing a huge opportunity. This sport is played by ALL AGES and is a great family activity.	10/12/2018 7:16 AM
100	n/a	10/12/2018 6:45 AM
101	Trail by meadow ridge to Luton park down kies	10/11/2018 10:24 PM
102	Shaw Estates sub to the White Pine Trail; such as by a sidewalk on 12 Mile road. Or at least have wide lanes on 12 Mile to make biking safer on that road to make the commute safer.	10/11/2018 9:37 PM
103	Unknown	10/11/2018 6:53 PM

104	I don't really know too much about that! I'm in Belmont and live that I can bike to Rockford!	10/11/2018 6:36 PM
105	?	10/11/2018 3:20 PM
106	Luton par, Merrell trail, connected with safe pathways to the white pine trail. Safe route to bike to the high school from 10 mile road.	10/11/2018 6:09 AM
107	Undecided	10/11/2018 6:06 AM
108	Merrell trail, Meijer, and connection to future cannon twp and Plainfield twp trail systems.	10/10/2018 10:05 PM
109	Connect trails. Make a trail system for running and biking that can span miles. Become known for that.	10/10/2018 9:40 PM
110	All of it. Linkage from trails to parks is great. Linkage from trails to schools is great. Linkage from trails to downtown is great.	10/10/2018 5:12 PM
111	Connecting to the high school so the kids can get to band practice alright	10/10/2018 5:06 PM
112	We live in the city near 11 Mile and Courtland. Currently we are completely disconnected from the city outside of driving. There are no sidewalks connecting us to downtown. The roads are narrow and winding and are unsafe to walk a young family along.	10/10/2018 11:37 AM
113	My neighborhood is connected already, so not aware of additional needs.	10/10/2018 11:33 AM
114	I'd like to see a sidewalk along Childsdale and Kroes giving residents and HS students safe ways to connect to the WPT at House street.	10/10/2018 10:42 AM
115	N/a	10/10/2018 9:55 AM
116	Safer bike/walk path along 12 mile and 10 mile	10/10/2018 9:44 AM
117	Saddle ridge to white one trail making downtown Rockford accessible safely on a Nike only	10/10/2018 7:35 AM
118	Splash pad!!!!	10/10/2018 7:13 AM
119	Can't think of any right now	10/10/2018 6:05 AM
120	N/A	10/10/2018 5:23 AM
121	Cannon trail to the white pine trail	10/9/2018 10:01 PM
122	Connect to Myers lake park and Luton park.	10/9/2018 9:45 PM
123	Sidewalk down childsdale from white pine trail to the high school. Sidewalk up to new baseball fields on 10 mile	10/9/2018 9:45 PM
124	Townsend to Rockford. Rockford to Sparta thru Rogue River Game area etc	10/9/2018 9:44 PM
125	School linkages	10/9/2018 9:37 PM
126	No, there are plenty of access points. We don't need more sidewalks to maintain.	10/9/2018 9:35 PM
127	All neighborhoods around the HS need to be connected. You would bring a large Rockford population to the "biking downtown" community.	10/9/2018 9:29 PM
128	A trail/bridge that crosses the river further north than the dam.	10/9/2018 9:26 PM
129	If you could link the white pine trail with a trail out to Myers lake road and belding area trails	10/9/2018 9:20 PM
130	Having bike trails to get to Luton park would be great! The roads are too narrow and curved with high speed traffic to bike to the park so we end up driving to the bike trails. We live near Meyers Lake.	10/9/2018 9:19 PM
131	Add a biking/walking bridge across the river further north (by Lewis street or the shoe store area) so people who live up summit can cross without going all the way down to Bridge.	10/9/2018 9:09 PM
132	Unsure	10/9/2018 9:02 PM
133	I think a solid connection between outlying subdivisions and the center city are important for child safety as well as pedestrians in general.	10/9/2018 8:53 PM
134	City to Meijer	10/9/2018 8:41 PM
135	Saddle ridge attachment	10/9/2018 8:35 PM
136	Splash pad	10/9/2018 8:29 PM

137	With all the new development going in the highlands, and the large number of kids who live there, another park (with a bathroom!) would be great.	10/9/2018 8:25 PM
138	South side of Belding road connect canon township to schools along Belding and get a way for kids on Belding to be able to safely Ride bikes	10/9/2018 7:48 PM
139	To schools , so kids can get outside more	10/9/2018 7:47 PM
140	Would be nice to have something run east to west so people not thought in rockford could get to the trail safely without driving. Al east west roads are narrow with no sidewalks or bike lanes.	10/9/2018 7:38 PM
141	From Courtland Township to Rockford	10/9/2018 7:34 PM
142	Trails	10/9/2018 7:31 PM
143	Saddle Ridge linkage	10/9/2018 7:29 PM
144	Connect to areas east of Rockford. Luton Park. Please and thank you.	10/9/2018 7:21 PM
145	Bus route to and from downtown grand rapids	10/9/2018 6:59 PM
146	I would like a Monroe or Ogden neighborhood entrance to Rotary Park. Fremont Street is too busy with traffic, and I fear for the safety of walkers or bikers.	10/9/2018 6:57 PM
147	Improving the neighborhood sidewalks in town so we can get to the parks to begin with. They are in terrible shape which means using wheelchairs and walkers in the streets instead of on the sidewalks.	10/9/2018 6:54 PM
148	I think it does as good of a job as possible within the confines of the streets and paths.	10/9/2018 6:52 PM
149	Linking a trail to Cannonsburg trails from downtown.	10/9/2018 6:49 PM
150	High school / freshman center to downtown	10/9/2018 6:47 PM
151	Northland (Fremont) and Kroes trails to downtown and connecting to white pine trail.	10/9/2018 6:47 PM
152	Not sure	10/9/2018 6:41 PM
153	Linkage to the high school	10/9/2018 6:31 PM
154	Safe way to walk/bike to downtown from WWW area. Crossing Wolverine walking is not the easiest, and is scary on bike!!	10/9/2018 6:24 PM
155	Unsure	10/9/2018 6:14 PM
156	Getting people walking/biking off 10 mile. Connecting west of oak street to the trail without childsdale or 10 mile use. It is dangerous.	10/9/2018 6:10 PM
157	Sidewalks on both sides of Summit all the way from the city limits to downtown. An additional pass through sidewalk from Greystone to Chelsea to the boardwalk.	10/9/2018 6:02 PM
158	Bike trails	10/9/2018 6:00 PM
159	Don't understand what you mean by "linkages"	10/9/2018 5:57 PM
160	Restrooms	10/9/2018 5:43 PM
161	Downtown	10/9/2018 5:42 PM

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

Answered: 259 Skipped: 254



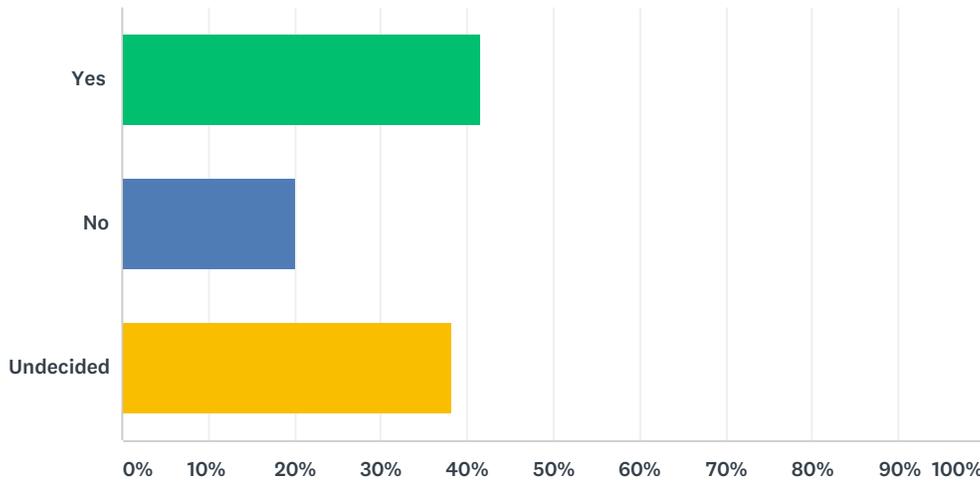
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I use and enjoy the parks	79.15%	205
Locations are not convenient	5.41%	14
Desired facilities are not ADA Accessible	1.16%	3
Not interested in using the parks	6.18%	16
Desired facilities are not available	5.41%	14
Concerned with safety	2.70%	7
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>259</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	have school	11/2/2018 9:08 AM
2	MOM!!!!	11/2/2018 8:59 AM
3	I love these parks but if I want to go to one I have to drive or bike.	11/2/2018 8:09 AM
4	i do use the park two times a year	11/1/2018 8:46 AM
5	It would be nice to have more play ground activities/smaller structures for smaller toddlers who are unable to go onto the large structures alone	10/31/2018 8:31 AM
6	they are boring	10/31/2018 8:12 AM
7	I just moved hear so I am going soon.	10/31/2018 8:11 AM
8	non	10/31/2018 8:07 AM

9	Love the current parks and recreation opportunities within Rockford.	10/17/2018 8:04 AM
10	Some parks I do not frequent are more playground related (I have no children) or specific use parks like the dog park.	10/15/2018 7:30 PM
11	Splash pad!	10/15/2018 5:17 PM
12	PICKLEBALL	10/14/2018 3:37 PM
13	Would like to see something at Cahill Park	10/13/2018 2:42 PM
14	need pickleball, fastest growing sport in the US	10/13/2018 12:54 PM
15	Pickleball	10/12/2018 11:44 AM
16	I have made so many friends playing pickleball but I have to go to Belknap park, Cascade or into Greenville....please there are so many of us not just "old people" but hey they play taxes too	10/12/2018 8:50 AM
17	I love the trails and bike paths to walk and bike on...We are 74 years old and love to be outside and safe from fast driving cars.... The paths make that possible...love walking to Ric's to get a few groceries...	10/12/2018 8:40 AM
18	No pickleball courts in the city.	10/12/2018 7:16 AM
19	Pickleball	10/12/2018 5:24 AM
20	No pickleball space available	10/11/2018 6:53 PM
21	there are no pickleball courts	10/11/2018 2:59 PM
22	Limited parking availability	10/9/2018 10:46 PM
23	I have to drive to many of them. Connect my neighborhood to white pine trail and other parks and I will be visiting at least once a week on a bike with my whole family.	10/9/2018 9:29 PM
24	It's sooooo annoying to try to walk downtown with that bike trail in the middle of it. The bikers act like they have the right to run you over if you are walking	10/9/2018 7:47 PM
25	I don't have kids so no need for playground	10/9/2018 6:59 PM
26	I wish Richardson Sowerby had a drinking fountain.	10/9/2018 6:57 PM
27	I can't go to the park where they show the movie outside during start of summer celebration due to accessibility. It is an incredibly beautiful park, but quite far away from parking.	10/9/2018 6:52 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: 363 Skipped: 150



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	41.60% 151
No	20.11% 73
Undecided	38.29% 139
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>363</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	The City of Rockford already owns a larger percentage of land within its city limits than most comparably sized cities. I think the total land holdings of the city should be balanced in a way that would necessitate the sale of public parking lots to obtain additional park lands in order to keep the city "in check" to serve its Citizens First while also welcoming visitors from surrounding communities to use our Tax Payer Funded Facilities.	11/12/2018 10:11 PM
2	Sports fields, community garden, picnic/relaxation areas	11/5/2018 11:49 PM
3	Old tannery land along the river would make a great park. Check out what the city of Hastings is doing.	11/4/2018 9:21 AM
4	Always nice to have green space for activities and family events.	11/2/2018 2:43 PM
5	It would be nice to have just have a field.	11/2/2018 8:06 AM
6	put in a basketball court.	11/2/2018 7:56 AM
7	It would be pretty and somewhere to take a rest.	11/1/2018 6:09 PM
8	dont get it	10/31/2018 8:13 AM
9	non	10/31/2018 8:08 AM
10	We could start a local garden!	10/31/2018 7:07 AM
11	Soccer fields	10/31/2018 7:04 AM
12	I really don't know how big the area would be, but i still think it would be cool to add an R/C aircraft area to fly around small aircraft	10/31/2018 7:01 AM

13	i would use it for a baseball/football field	10/31/2018 7:00 AM
14	A softball/baseball field	10/31/2018 6:58 AM
15	More soccer field for club team use or rental.	10/31/2018 6:47 AM
16	Skate park, splash pad	10/31/2018 6:21 AM
17	Part of the charm of Rockford is its green space. This is a very active community. I see kids using the space in my neighborhood all the time.	10/30/2018 6:26 PM
18	Around memorial park, and parkside elementary. Keep the kids both safe and add learning opportunities.	10/24/2018 12:21 PM
19	For the purposes proposed above... adding to our current park offering... stake park, splash pad, festivals, etc.	10/24/2018 9:40 AM
20	For pickleball	10/20/2018 6:40 PM
21	Rain gardens, native plantings. City-school garden partnerships. Community gardens.	10/20/2018 4:18 AM
22	Nature walks, experience nature	10/18/2018 7:40 AM
23	Plant more native plants around parks	10/18/2018 7:04 AM
24	Need splash pad for kids and grandparents	10/18/2018 5:59 AM
25	Again- a splash pad.	10/17/2018 9:30 PM
26	Running around with kids	10/17/2018 5:16 PM
27	Desperate need of more parking	10/17/2018 3:52 PM
28	Picnic tables, umbrellas, and beach chairs.	10/17/2018 3:46 PM
29	We need a space to launch fireworks for Start if summer which could also be used for more outdoor events such as movies, concerts, and could accommodate a larger crowd.	10/17/2018 3:06 PM
30	More playgrounds, splash pad, picnic areas and trees would be amazing.	10/17/2018 1:50 PM
31	High ropes course Hiking Ice rink Snow shoe and cc ski trails	10/17/2018 11:02 AM
32	Use the big grass river front area for larger concerts....build a big band shell. During winter,add a large ice skating rink that is open to the public.	10/17/2018 10:31 AM
33	Splash park. Area to sit and enjoy	10/17/2018 10:06 AM
34	Something needs to be down with Heritage Parkland.	10/17/2018 7:48 AM
35	Hiking, picnics, generally having a space outdoors to spend time	10/17/2018 7:21 AM
36	Limited space for splash pad and pickle ball courts.	10/16/2018 3:52 PM
37	The large green space that Wolverine owns next to the shoe store. This would be great to dedicate a portion of this to wild life/ green space. Add parking and add a permanent covered farmers market stations in that area. Similar to what Fulton street farmers market. The current Farmers market area is congested and it would be nice to utilize that space that is currently vacant.	10/16/2018 10:13 AM
38	We have quite a few parks. I would like to see more businesses downtown in the Wolverine lot.	10/15/2018 9:46 PM
39	There needs to be signs on the bike bath between Pickett park and some where the other side of downtown to tell cyclists to slow down. Pedestrians have the right of way. Some cyclist speed thru and yell at families to get out of the way. It's not the tour de france. Slow down. There are lots of little kids on bikes and moms with strollers. People with dogs. Just slow down.	10/15/2018 9:14 PM
40	I would enjoy a nature preserve setting as nice as it is to have these parks we still need to think of the natural habitats and wildlife	10/15/2018 6:04 PM
41	Leave natural - hiking trails	10/15/2018 5:57 PM
42	Maybe an additional dog park.	10/15/2018 1:39 PM
43	I am concerned with the current trend to build on every square inch of green space. I think we need green space just to "breathe" I would be fine just having undeveloped green space.	10/15/2018 1:02 PM
44	I feel preserving green space for parks and natural areas is crucial in this rapidly-developing area.	10/15/2018 12:45 PM

45	Would like to see something done with all green space south of Wolverine.	10/15/2018 12:34 PM
46	Always need to have green space available for future	10/13/2018 2:43 PM
47	Put in pickleball courts	10/12/2018 5:49 PM
48	As the city and area grow	10/12/2018 4:17 PM
49	Pickleball	10/12/2018 3:19 PM
50	Former WWW tannery site for pickleball.	10/12/2018 10:58 AM
51	Rockford is blessed with green space in my opinion	10/12/2018 8:50 AM
52	I think Rockford is doing a outstanding job with the green space...But still feel something like pickleball Courts would be a needed facility....	10/12/2018 8:44 AM
53	Pickleball courts or possibly combination Pickleball/tennis courts... although there are several places to play tennis.	10/12/2018 7:27 AM
54	Athletic fields and open space. Encourage healthy lifestyles, engaged living, enjoyment of our community space. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America, and is gaining huge amounts of players in West MI. Disc golf, softball, baseball, fishing and other activities bring people together and foster outdoor exercise/healthy living.	10/12/2018 6:50 AM
55	pickleball courts, there is nothing on the north end of kent county.	10/11/2018 9:26 PM
56	Pickleball park	10/11/2018 6:54 PM
57	Need I say again ..... Pickleball!	10/11/2018 6:37 PM
58	Pickleball	10/11/2018 6:31 PM
59	Pickleball of frisbee golf	10/11/2018 3:21 PM
60	The additional space would be used as a community gathering place for all sports	10/11/2018 3:00 PM
61	Merrell trail and Luton Park are highly used, additional natural surface trails would be great but not completely necessary.	10/11/2018 6:11 AM
62	Disc golf course	10/10/2018 7:49 PM
63	Picnics, trails.	10/10/2018 5:13 PM
64	Splash pad and ice rink near Wolverine site	10/10/2018 12:21 PM
65	I wish there was a larger area for the Tuesday Blues and Sunday worship music. It would be awesome to have an amphitheater with more green space.	10/10/2018 11:36 AM
66	Please develop empty wolverine lot for public use	10/10/2018 10:43 AM
67	Splash Pad!	10/10/2018 7:14 AM
68	More picnics and places to lay and read, or just be able to play in the grass	10/10/2018 6:07 AM
69	We need a splash pad	10/10/2018 5:20 AM
70	Splash pad	10/10/2018 4:00 AM
71	See above	10/9/2018 9:45 PM
72	Picnic areas, open grassy areas, trees, bird feeding	10/9/2018 9:38 PM
73	A public park with multiple facilities and a path around the park to walk/jog. There are amazing parks in North Carolina that have designated areas that all unite in a common area for kids.	10/9/2018 9:26 PM
74	Skate park and outdoor climbing walls	10/9/2018 9:22 PM
75	Sports, picnicking	10/9/2018 8:43 PM
76	Splash pad	10/9/2018 8:36 PM
77	Splash pad with lots of parking	10/9/2018 8:29 PM
78	Hopefully, it would be a large metro park with lots of space for trail hiking( with a splash pad!) and lots of play areas for kids and picnic areas for families. Plymouth township park in Plymouth, MI comes to mind.	10/9/2018 8:28 PM

79	Soccer complex	10/9/2018 8:17 PM
80	More tables and seating and shaded areas, outdoor art and sculptures	10/9/2018 7:48 PM
81	I think acquiring more green space to maintain as "natural" area (area with trees, fields, nature trails, etc) is integral to any town so urban development doesn't completely deplete any natural area, in turn providing some nice variation in land types, between urban ground and natural ground.	10/9/2018 7:35 PM
82	I think the more green space available the more families will want to use and enjoy it.	10/9/2018 7:35 PM
83	Splash pad, trails, natural areas or gardens.	10/9/2018 7:19 PM
84	Garden	10/9/2018 7:09 PM
85	Picnic and concert areas	10/9/2018 6:56 PM
86	See number 3 of dream big ideas about tannery land. Promote the community garden more and it's availability.	10/9/2018 6:54 PM
87	Love green space! A community garden would be awesome!	10/9/2018 6:42 PM
88	Trails for walking	10/9/2018 6:19 PM
89	Rockford needs a splash pad downtown somewhere. Check out Holland's splash pad in their town. It's prefect.	10/9/2018 6:16 PM
90	Movies in the park would be cool and also a SPLASH PAD! ;)	10/9/2018 6:13 PM
91	Splash pad Ninja Course	10/9/2018 6:04 PM
92	Movies in the park, beer and food events, picnics	10/9/2018 6:01 PM
93	Need some parks with nice closed in pavilion like in Townsend park. Could rent out for special events. The Cabin is always booked!!	10/9/2018 6:01 PM
94	Frisbee and kites!	10/9/2018 5:44 PM
95	The big open space downtown currently being tested would be so amazing to have as a community center with fields and playgrounds and splash pads etc. so many young families are moving here, there must be demand for that. Picture a plastic rock wall etc like you'd find on the west coast.	10/9/2018 5:44 PM
96	sports	10/9/2018 5:39 PM

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

Answered: 96 Skipped: 417

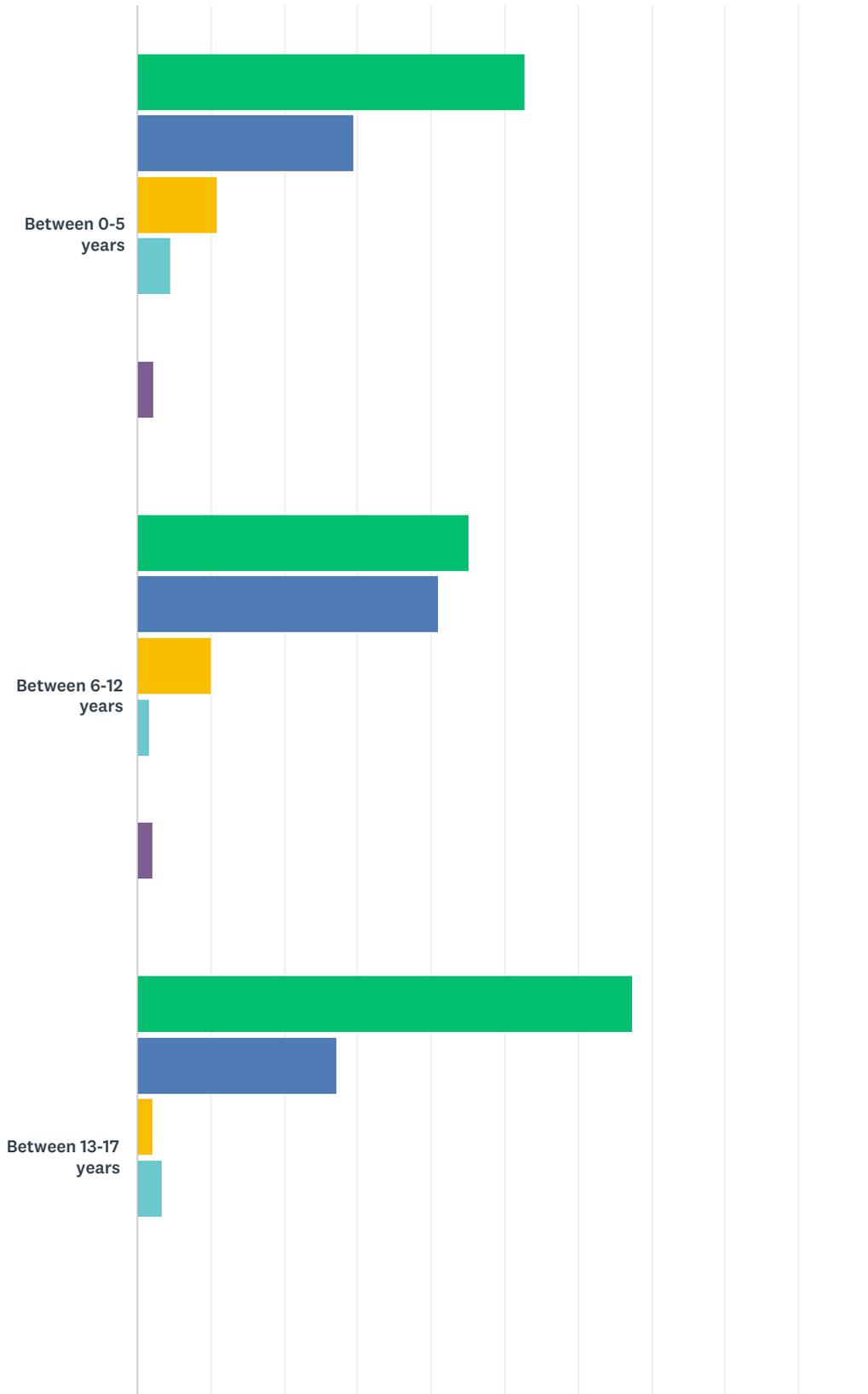
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1	Not sure	11/5/2018 11:49 PM
2	Old tannery land	11/4/2018 9:21 AM
3	nea mijer, its so.... droopy	11/2/2018 9:13 AM
4	don't destroy the land please	11/2/2018 9:07 AM
5	glen park	11/2/2018 9:07 AM
6	Yes It should be purchased	11/2/2018 9:01 AM
7	don't now.	11/2/2018 9:01 AM
8	no	11/2/2018 8:57 AM
9	Next to Wolverine in that empty field	11/2/2018 8:10 AM
10	By the shoe store.	11/2/2018 8:06 AM
11	no	11/2/2018 8:04 AM
12	no	11/2/2018 8:03 AM
13	More woods would be cool. I love to hike in the woods.	11/2/2018 8:01 AM
14	no	11/2/2018 7:56 AM
15	no	11/2/2018 7:56 AM
16	By primer park	10/31/2018 4:15 PM
17	no	10/31/2018 8:13 AM
18	that big area	10/31/2018 8:11 AM
19	no	10/31/2018 8:10 AM
20	the big feild by rockys	10/31/2018 8:09 AM
21	hunting land	10/31/2018 8:08 AM
22	i don't know	10/31/2018 8:08 AM
23	no	10/31/2018 8:07 AM
24	I dont know	10/31/2018 8:04 AM
25	no	10/31/2018 7:31 AM
26	i use to it was 6745-6727 Kuttshill Dr NE but then someone sold it so not anymore	10/31/2018 7:13 AM
27	No	10/31/2018 7:07 AM
28	By the wolverene store, there is a place where there is a huge green space but no one has done anything with it yet.	10/31/2018 7:06 AM
29	no	10/31/2018 7:05 AM
30	Areas south 12 mile and Northland drive. Farm on west side of the road that would link directly to the trail. Or Wolverine property on the east side of Northland Drive south of Shaw Estates and north of 11 mile rd	10/31/2018 7:04 AM
31	undecided	10/31/2018 7:03 AM
32	The lot next to the shoe store	10/31/2018 7:01 AM

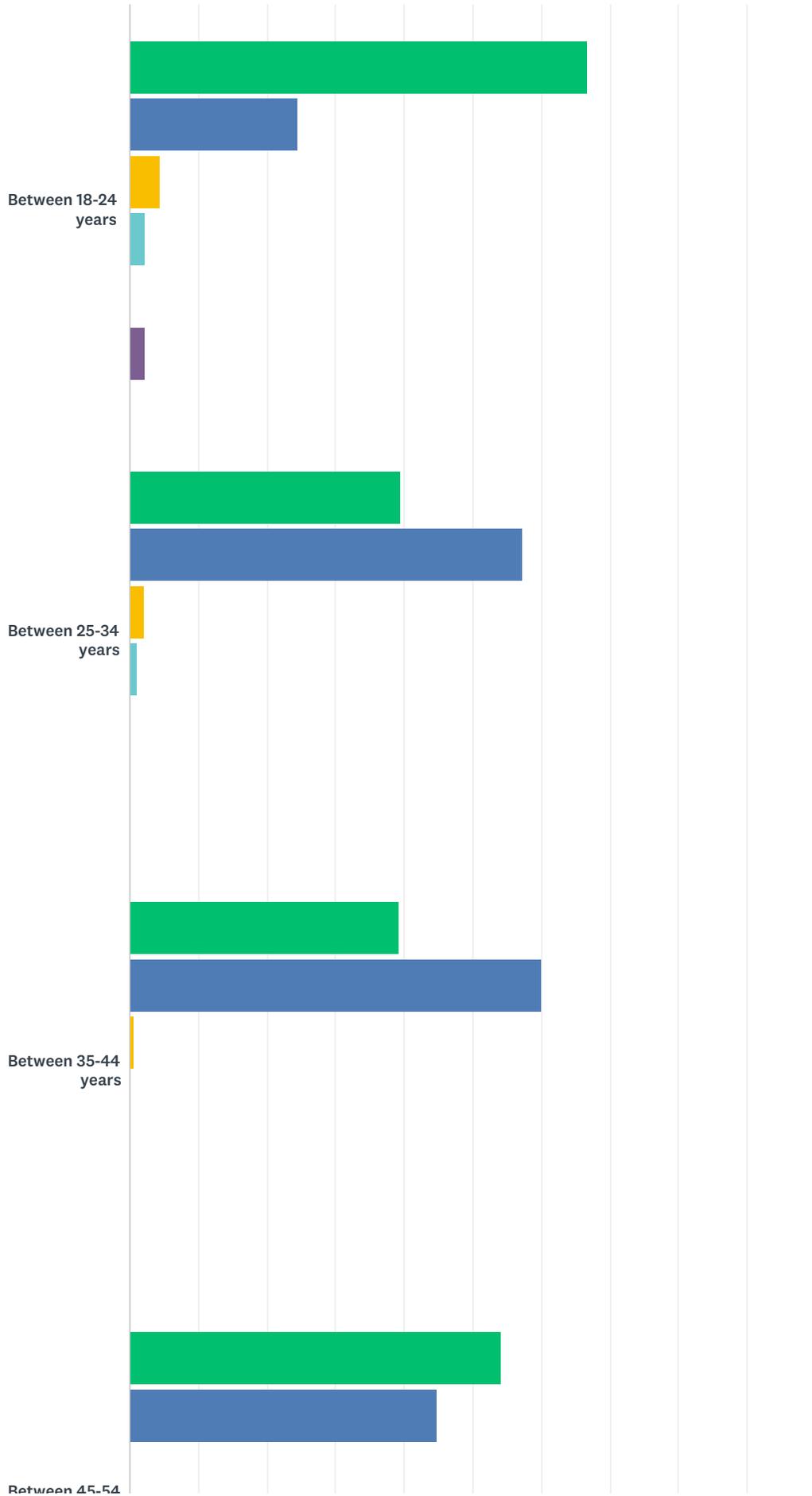
33	lot by shoe store	10/31/2018 7:01 AM
34	NO	10/31/2018 7:00 AM
35	no	10/31/2018 6:59 AM
36	No	10/31/2018 6:58 AM
37	Parkside area, the baseball field.	10/31/2018 6:21 AM
38	Continue to require park land set asides in new neighborhoods. Investigate new space on city's north side.	10/31/2018 12:07 AM
39	Some of the land on the North side of 12 Mile rd- between Wolven and Summit.	10/30/2018 6:26 PM
40	Would love to see the open lot at Rogue River View and Riverchase become a park, hard to make it buildable land for houses with the speculated plumbing/ drainage issues.	10/30/2018 5:10 PM
41	Between parkside elementary and courtland, and monroe.	10/24/2018 12:21 PM
42	The Wolverine site (currently contaminated). If it can not be cleaned up to be utilized, can it be sealed covered and used for a skatepark? Parking, farmers market and SOS celebration? Then the current spot could open back up for parking. It could be a space for Food Trucks to set up...All of our festivals could take place in this area, leaving streets and parking open for the businesses during the vents.	10/24/2018 9:40 AM
43	No	10/20/2018 6:40 PM
44	Near Memorial Park?	10/20/2018 4:18 AM
45	Waterfront	10/19/2018 7:49 PM
46	No	10/18/2018 7:40 AM
47	Where the wolverine bldg use to be located	10/18/2018 5:59 AM
48	Haha. Everyone in town thinks you already own the Wolverine land but you don't. But it would be great if you could work something out with them to develop that area. Is there any land available along 10 Mile?	10/17/2018 3:06 PM
49	Wolverines plot would be perfect!	10/17/2018 1:50 PM
50	Old Pando location!! Use for concerts and hikkng	10/17/2018 11:02 AM
51	Use the land between downtown and the shoe store.	10/17/2018 10:31 AM
52	Anyplace before a housing development takes over	10/17/2018 10:06 AM
53	Wolverine vacant space on the river front downtown rockford	10/17/2018 8:26 AM
54	West of Rogue River and north to 12 Mile. Need nonmotorized path connection to Merrell Trail and Art Van complex. And east connecting with no motorized path adequate for cyclists to Luton Park	10/16/2018 7:05 PM
55	West of river by Pickett park. Perhaps vacant lot by Pederson's on Main St.	10/16/2018 3:52 PM
56	The Wolverine vacant lot next to the shoe store.	10/16/2018 10:13 AM
57	purchase land to connect trails in Highland park to the Heritage park and nature trails.	10/15/2018 7:33 PM
58	north on White Pine trail along river, or by private lake towards 12 mile rd	10/15/2018 3:58 PM
59	No.	10/15/2018 2:17 PM
60	No.	10/15/2018 1:39 PM
61	More land by cannon township building	10/12/2018 5:49 PM
62	WWW can donate!!	10/12/2018 10:58 AM
63	The old wolverine site that is just grass. It's so big and empty and could be something cool.	10/12/2018 9:06 AM
64	Not too familiar with the land available.... Lots of space behind Cannon Township Building for pickleball Courts...☺	10/12/2018 8:44 AM
65	Wolverine land on Main Street that is vacant. ANY outlying land. Courts are desperately needed.	10/12/2018 7:27 AM

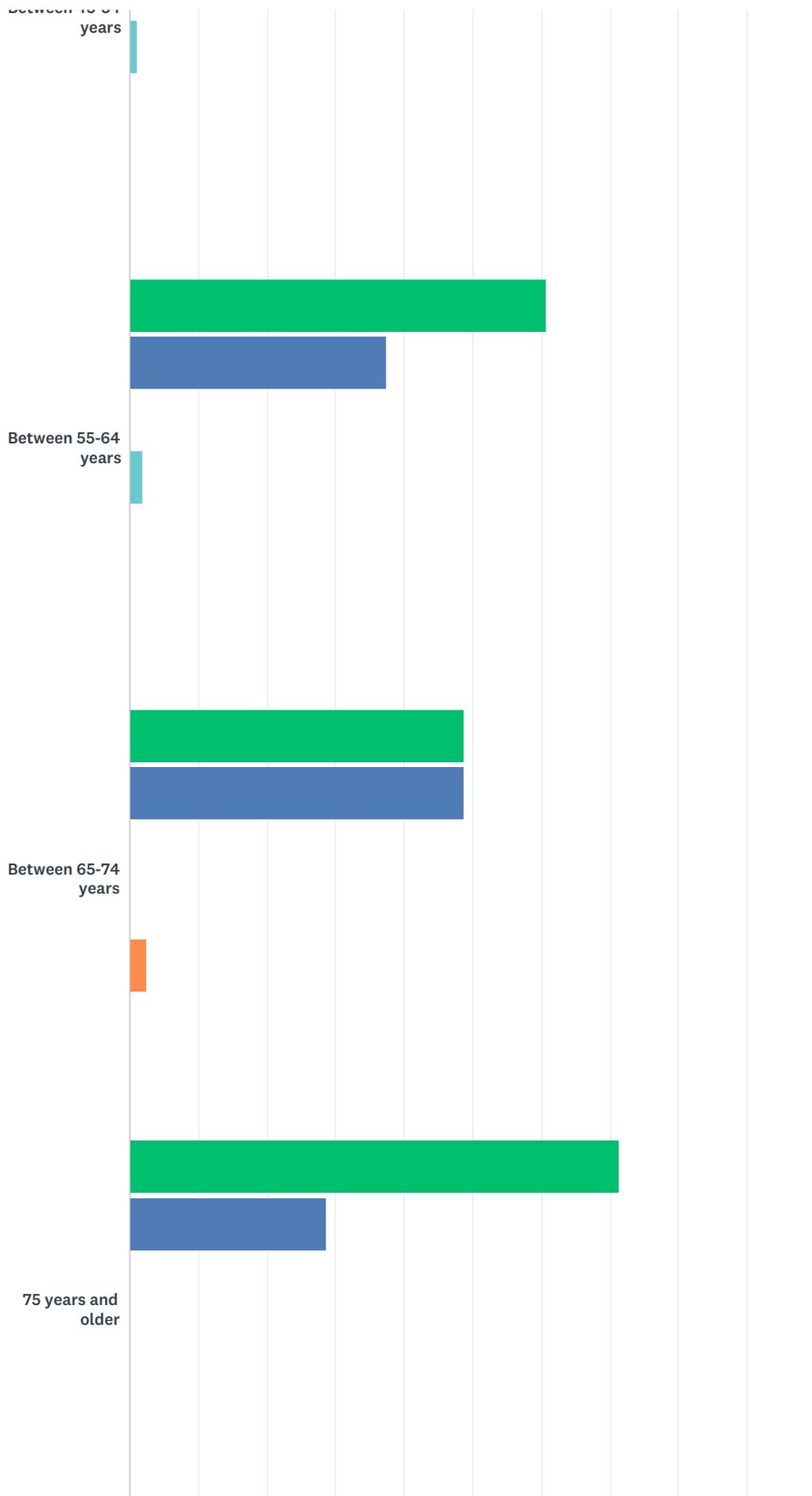
66	I would consider where the largest populations are within Rockford and try to locate new facilities closest to the core populations. The closer people are to the parks and rec activities the more likely they are to participate.	10/12/2018 6:50 AM
67	No	10/11/2018 6:54 PM
68	The old Tannery perhaps?	10/11/2018 6:37 PM
69	No	10/11/2018 3:21 PM
70	Anywhere along the rogue river.	10/10/2018 10:06 PM
71	Would like a trail from summit/12 mile to the white pine trail.	10/10/2018 5:13 PM
72	Myers Lake and 9 mile area	10/10/2018 2:17 PM
73	The wolverine site behind the post office	10/10/2018 12:21 PM
74	No, but I think it needs to as close to downtown as possible.	10/10/2018 11:36 AM
75	Downtown maybe by the dog park or where the pavilion is at the "Dino park" by the river...	10/10/2018 7:14 AM
76	Wolverine lot	10/10/2018 6:07 AM
77	I'm not a city planner, but anywhere walkable from downtown would be great. We live right next to the trail	10/10/2018 5:20 AM
78	Wolverine property on river	10/9/2018 9:54 PM
79	J.o	10/9/2018 9:45 PM
80	Clean up areas near river	10/9/2018 8:43 PM
81	Wherever available.	10/9/2018 8:29 PM
82	No	10/9/2018 8:29 PM
83	As near to downtown Rockford as possible for a large park—adjacent to the White Pine Trail	10/9/2018 8:28 PM
84	No	10/9/2018 8:17 PM
85	No	10/9/2018 7:35 PM
86	Wolverine lot after it's cleaned up and safe? Would be nice along the river. Would love to see a permanent farmers market structure go in there as well!	10/9/2018 7:19 PM
87	No	10/9/2018 7:09 PM
88	No	10/9/2018 6:56 PM
89	Tannery area for a park idea of #3 in dream big as a park	10/9/2018 6:54 PM
90	Across the street from Rocky's in the open space. Parking would be good there	10/9/2018 6:48 PM
91	On the belmont bypass	10/9/2018 6:42 PM
92	That green way across from Rocky's would be great.	10/9/2018 6:16 PM
93	Www tannery	10/9/2018 6:13 PM
94	Old tannery site	10/9/2018 6:04 PM
95	Unfortunately, no	10/9/2018 6:01 PM
96	No	10/9/2018 5:44 PM

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

Answered: 389 Skipped: 124





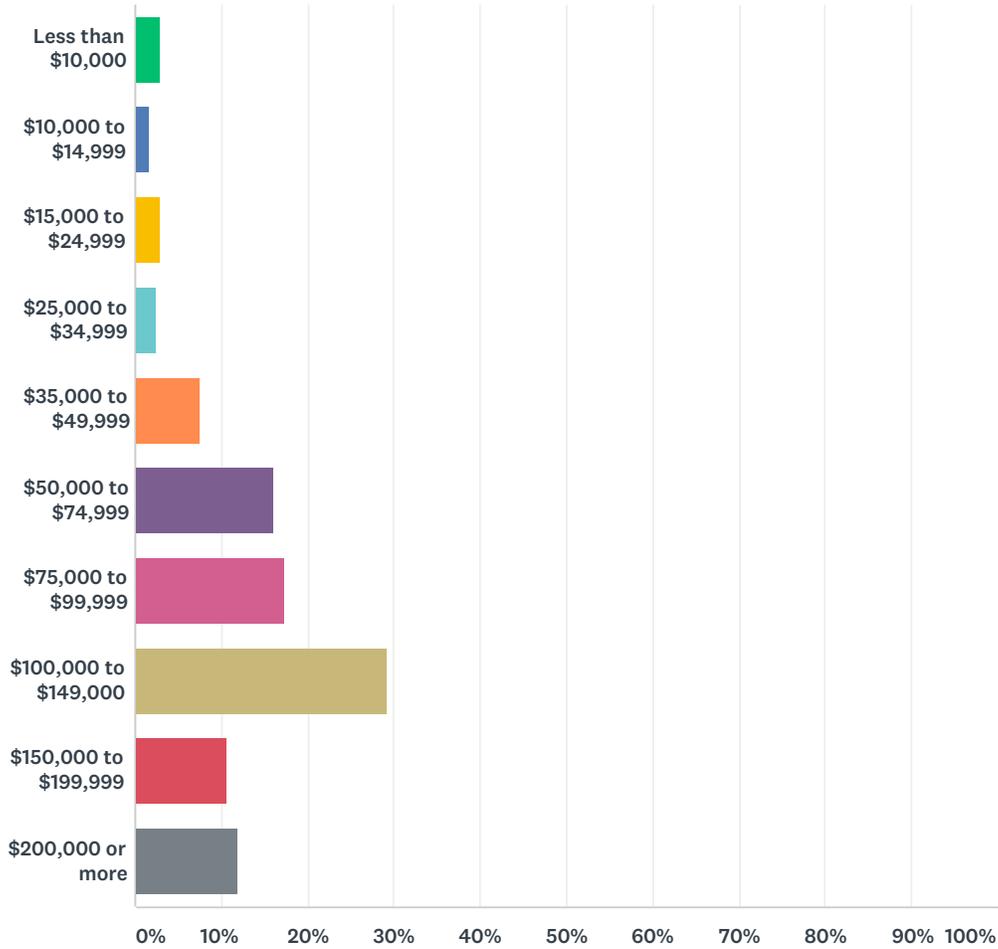




	1	2	3	4	5	5+	TOTAL
Between 0-5 years	52.71% 68	29.46% 38	10.85% 14	4.65% 6	0.00% 0	2.33% 3	129
Between 6-12 years	45.26% 86	41.05% 78	10.00% 19	1.58% 3	0.00% 0	2.11% 4	190
Between 13-17 years	67.39% 62	27.17% 25	2.17% 2	3.26% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	92
Between 18-24 years	66.67% 30	24.44% 11	4.44% 2	2.22% 1	0.00% 0	2.22% 1	45
Between 25-34 years	39.58% 38	57.29% 55	2.08% 2	1.04% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	96
Between 35-44 years	39.36% 74	60.11% 113	0.53% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	188
Between 45-54 years	54.26% 51	44.68% 42	0.00% 0	1.06% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	94
Between 55-64 years	60.71% 34	37.50% 21	0.00% 0	1.79% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	56
Between 65-74 years	48.72% 19	48.72% 19	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	2.56% 1	0.00% 0	39
75 years and older	71.43% 5	28.57% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	7

## Q22 What is your household income?

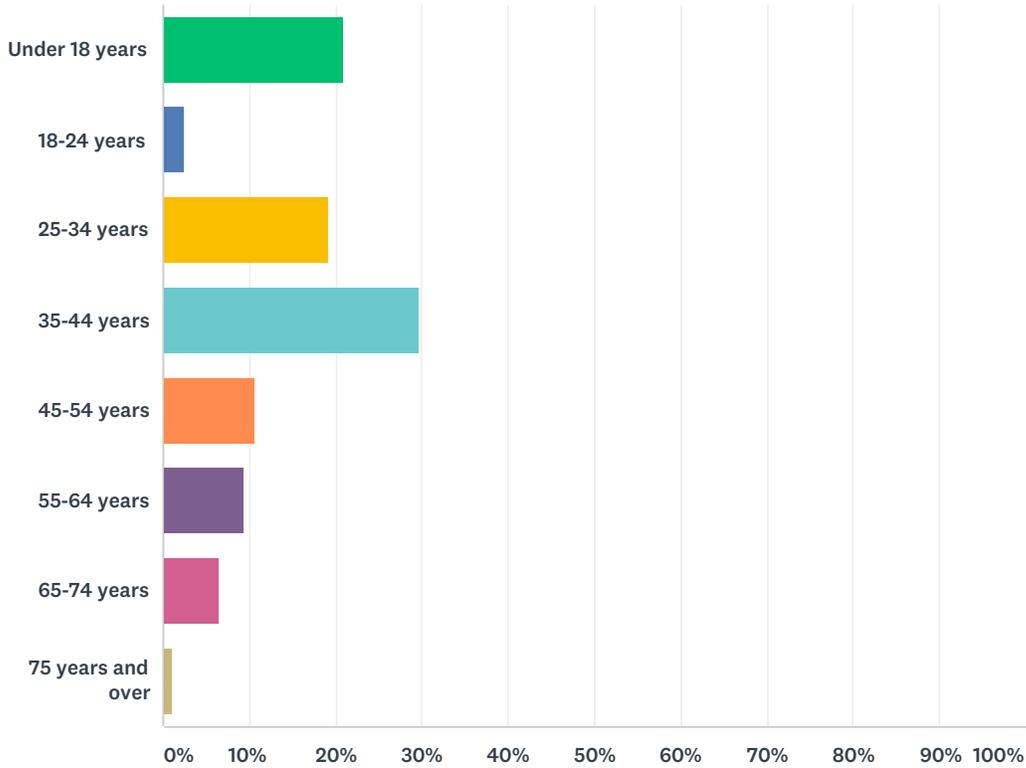
Answered: 318 Skipped: 195



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than \$10,000	2.83%	9
\$10,000 to \$14,999	1.57%	5
\$15,000 to \$24,999	2.83%	9
\$25,000 to \$34,999	2.52%	8
\$35,000 to \$49,999	7.55%	24
\$50,000 to \$74,999	16.04%	51
\$75,000 to \$99,999	17.30%	55
\$100,000 to \$149,000	29.25%	93
\$150,000 to \$199,999	10.69%	34
\$200,000 or more	11.95%	38
Total Respondents: 318		

### Q23 What is your age?

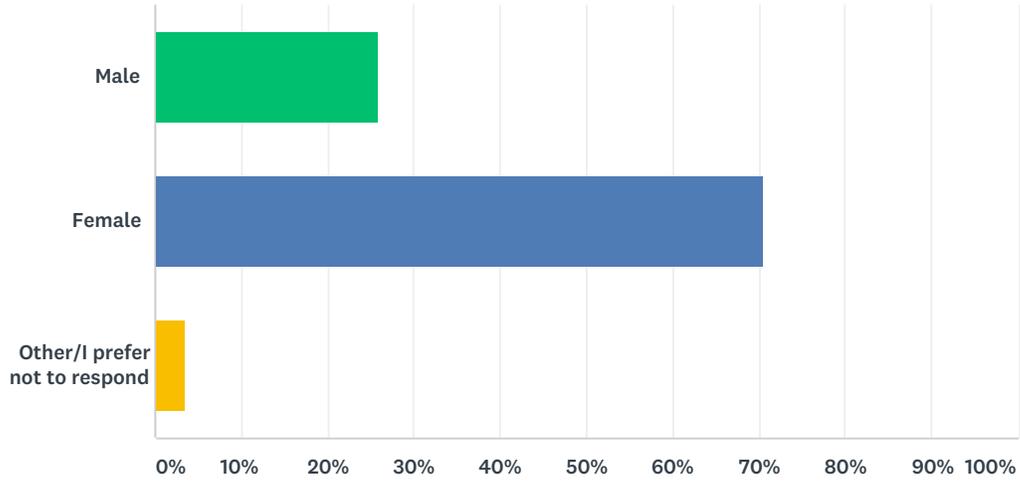
Answered: 384 Skipped: 129



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18 years	20.83%	80
18-24 years	2.60%	10
25-34 years	19.27%	74
35-44 years	29.69%	114
45-54 years	10.68%	41
55-64 years	9.38%	36
65-74 years	6.51%	25
75 years and over	1.04%	4
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>384</b>

### Q24 What is your gender?

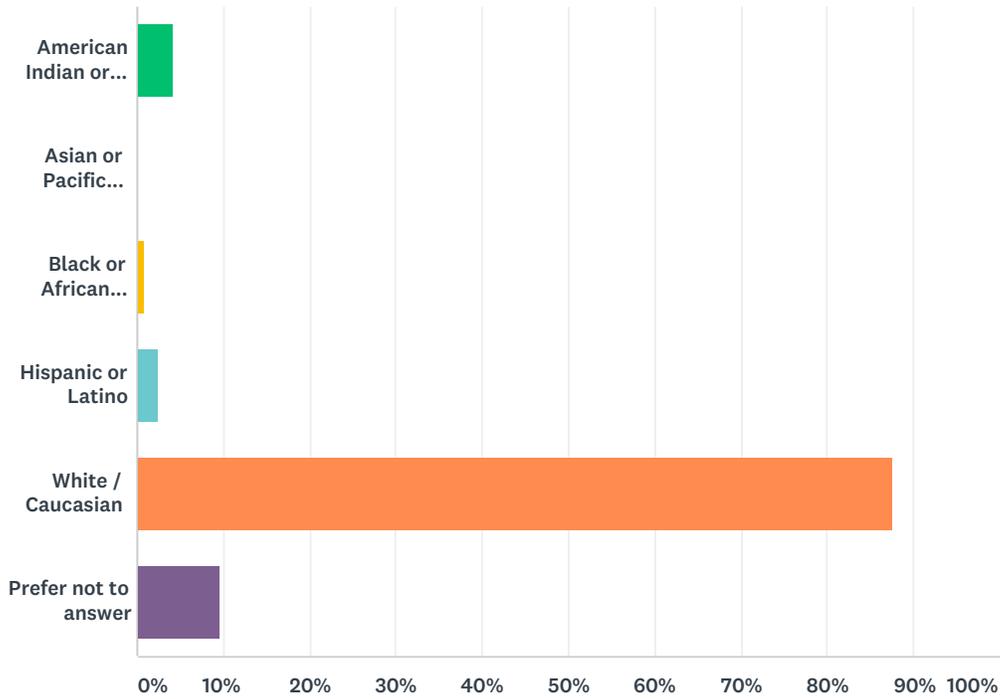
Answered: 387 Skipped: 126



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Male	25.84%	100
Female	70.54%	273
Other/I prefer not to respond	3.62%	14
TOTAL		387

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

Answered: 364 Skipped: 149



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
American Indian or Alaskan Native	4.12% 15
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.27% 1
Black or African American	0.82% 3
Hispanic or Latino	2.47% 9
White / Caucasian	87.64% 319
Prefer not to answer	9.62% 35
Total Respondents: 364	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	i don't know	11/2/2018 9:08 AM
2	I'm also Mexican	11/2/2018 9:03 AM
3	I don't know	11/2/2018 9:00 AM
4	Polish/White	11/1/2018 8:46 AM
5	Irish	10/31/2018 8:20 AM
6	white little child	10/31/2018 8:16 AM
7	american	10/31/2018 8:13 AM
8	non	10/31/2018 8:10 AM
9	america	10/31/2018 8:08 AM

10	dutch,Irish,	10/31/2018 7:09 AM
11	American	10/31/2018 6:56 AM
12	Human	10/15/2018 5:18 PM
13	Human	10/15/2018 11:15 AM
14	American	10/9/2018 9:52 PM

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

Answered: 123 Skipped: 390

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	im 10 years old and in fith grade how the heck am i suposed to know my household income?	11/2/2018 9:16 AM
2	no	11/2/2018 9:08 AM
3	no	11/2/2018 9:03 AM
4	No >:(	11/2/2018 9:02 AM
5	NO	11/2/2018 9:02 AM
6	STOP ASKING ME QUESTIONS!!!!	11/2/2018 9:01 AM
7	No >:(	11/2/2018 9:00 AM
8	No, just pretty much everything I said already.	11/2/2018 8:12 AM
9	no	11/2/2018 8:11 AM
10	nothing	11/2/2018 8:08 AM
11	Overall I really like Rockford, It is a beautiful place. I like how all the flowers are up and the dam it pretty to.	11/2/2018 8:05 AM
12	plese make more skate parks and make the parks more dissabilaty acsesable	11/2/2018 8:03 AM
13	Some of these questions were hard maybe make them a little easier.	11/2/2018 8:02 AM
14	i love to the parks and the natural areas every thing out side the parks is wild but its so calming and its a place i go to every chance i get	11/2/2018 7:59 AM
15	no	11/2/2018 7:58 AM
16	parks are boring	11/2/2018 7:58 AM
17	nooooooooooooo	11/1/2018 8:43 AM
18	Allow people to skate or ride bmx bikes downtown please, I've been yelled at multiple times	10/31/2018 4:45 PM
19	Please add smaller structures/more toddler friendly areas at play areas at the existing parks.	10/31/2018 8:34 AM
20	no	10/31/2018 8:17 AM
21	Nah	10/31/2018 8:11 AM
22	do a splash pad please	10/31/2018 8:11 AM
23	golf course	10/31/2018 8:11 AM
24	No, thanks.	10/31/2018 8:10 AM
25	non	10/31/2018 8:10 AM
26	no	10/31/2018 8:09 AM
27	no	10/31/2018 8:06 AM
28	no	10/31/2018 8:05 AM
29	hi	10/31/2018 7:15 AM
30	I think it should be some kind of entertainment!	10/31/2018 7:13 AM
31	I hope that you guys do great things for Rockford.	10/31/2018 7:12 AM
32	I don't live in Rockford but I would like to!	10/31/2018 7:12 AM
33	I LOVE ROCKFORD	10/31/2018 7:05 AM
34	Nope.	10/31/2018 7:04 AM

35	no	10/31/2018 7:02 AM
36	No	10/31/2018 7:00 AM
37	Make a softball/baseball field	10/31/2018 6:59 AM
38	Thank you for seeking public feedback on this important topic. Rockford's Parks are fantastic!	10/31/2018 12:09 AM
39	There has been a lot of tree removal in recent years in downtown- I would like to see a replacement of some of those trees.	10/30/2018 6:28 PM
40	We really need a skate park. We were supposed to have one years ago. Stop procrastinating.	10/30/2018 4:59 PM
41	Would love to see a splash pad around downtown.	10/24/2018 9:58 AM
42	Please continue to offer opportunities for community feedback! The Community Cabin event and this option for online survey are great! Thank you!	10/24/2018 9:42 AM
43	As passionate pickleball players, we'd utilize outdoor courts near downtown, then dine in our local restaurants with teammates and friends.	10/20/2018 4:21 AM
44	I think this is a great thing to get input. I would like to see some obstacle course type stuff. Rockford Ninja Warrior is such a big thing that it would be awesome to see things that could be in the parks.	10/18/2018 6:00 PM
45	Splash pad and better playground equipment at all parks and schools.	10/18/2018 2:45 PM
46	You all do a great job! Thank you for asking for input	10/18/2018 7:05 AM
47	Rockford is a great city. Other cities are keeping up with very nice parks. I think we need to also keep up.	10/18/2018 6:01 AM
48	Please consider not allowing smoking at public parks - or at least at special events (SOS, Blues). Also, more recycling bins throughout town and incentives for businesses/parks to reduce their waste (less plastic more compostables)	10/17/2018 9:33 PM
49	Please fix the sidewalk between Main St and Pickett Park along 10 mile. It feels like it could collapse any day.	10/17/2018 8:31 PM
50	Additional Parking is Top Priority. Have you considered what Gas light Village has in EGR ? A two story parking structure tucked in behind the buisness's. It could be done here with the proper design . Just suggesting :)	10/17/2018 2:56 PM
51	Pickett park gets a lot of early high school aged kids "hanging out" on playground equipment when little kids are playing there. I don't think there is a good area for that aged kids to be. I just don't love the language they use around my small kids	10/17/2018 1:53 PM
52	Can you improve the looks of some of the buildings on Northland drive between Lewis and Main	10/17/2018 12:27 PM
53	We need more downtown parking	10/17/2018 11:36 AM
54	I would love a splash pad area added to one of our parks! We had to go to Sparta this year.	10/17/2018 11:19 AM
55	Good luck	10/17/2018 10:53 AM
56	With or also love to see a bigger town pool. Cannon pool is small, old and outdated. Find room to build a great outdoor pool and water slide park. Charge summer memberships.	10/17/2018 10:33 AM
57	Just to reiterate, something needs to be developed with Heritage Parkland (#12 on the map).	10/17/2018 7:49 AM
58	Need Clean restrooms	10/17/2018 7:30 AM
59	We do not have a 63rd district court as shown on your map. It is now a museum.	10/16/2018 7:35 PM
60	10 Mile Rd is not safe for cyclists and need adequate paths to connect to trails and also to connect south to other existing paths	10/16/2018 7:07 PM
61	No one ever says a town has too much park space. If available, I would support the purchase of more green space that could be turned into park space.	10/16/2018 3:55 PM
62	Thank you to the DPW staff for all their work in keeping the parks and dwnt area maintained.	10/16/2018 10:15 AM
63	Yes. Mentioned in previous comments to have sinage from Pickett park to somewhere near the WWW to have cyclists slow down. It can get scary on a busy day with bikes going so fast. The cyclists act like they own the path.	10/15/2018 9:18 PM

64	Keep up the great work and thanks for asking for our input!	10/15/2018 7:34 PM
65	A skate park would be great for the kids to have a place to use such items without disturbing others and/or getting in trouble.	10/15/2018 1:41 PM
66	Splash pad!!	10/15/2018 1:20 PM
67	Would love to see pickleball courts! It's a great activity and this city could support more areas to play!	10/15/2018 11:18 AM
68	Pickleball would be a great addition, because of it's ability to bring people together for fun, fellowship, and exercise.	10/14/2018 3:39 PM
69	Strongly feel pickleball courts would have a positive impact for a wide range of ages and abilities in the community. Rockford should grab the opportunity to keep up with other cities such as Greenville, Ada, Cascade, and Grand Rapids in establishing pickleball courts.	10/13/2018 6:25 AM
70	I woUld like to see more outdoor and 8ndoor pickleball	10/12/2018 3:19 PM
71	Pickleball! Rockford is way behind this fast growing sport. Lowell, Lake Odessa, Ada have new courts!	10/12/2018 11:00 AM
72	I play pickleball, my kids play and my grandchildren play... and we would love to play here in Rockford	10/12/2018 8:53 AM
73	I love living in Rockford on Silver Lake...I love downtown...I love the interest and work so many do for our city...We are blessed and appreciate all the work you have all done making our parks and recreation facilities outstanding...Thank you for listening to an avid lover of pickleball push to get some Courts...Look forward to the meeting next Thursday...Mary Welch a grateful resident of Rockford□	10/12/2018 8:50 AM
74	Rockford needs to step into the 21st century and see the new sport that is taking over with all ages participating.	10/12/2018 7:31 AM
75	We are unable to attend the 10/18 meeting but want you to know that we support further development of the parks and rec facilities and options, especially pickleball!	10/12/2018 6:52 AM
76	We need to increase safe activities for tween and teens in Rockford.	10/11/2018 9:40 PM
77	Lowell and Lake Odessa put in state of the art pickleball courts. It would be great to have something similar	10/11/2018 6:56 PM
78	Pickleball, Pickleball, Pickleball!!!! Oh.... Pickleball!!!	10/11/2018 6:39 PM
79	I regularly come to the area to play pickle ball at Bella Vista church. Would love to have an outdoor facility in the area.	10/11/2018 3:24 PM
80	Be great to have indoor and outdoor Pickleball in Rockford!	10/11/2018 11:07 AM
81	Rockford needs a splash pad/public pool and or and area similar to millennium park	10/11/2018 7:02 AM
82	Splash pad!	10/10/2018 10:07 PM
83	I grew up in Rockford and recently moved back after living away for 10 years. I have been impressed with the trails and access to downtown from our neighborhood. Would love to see a splash pad and more areas for kids to play. Love the access to trails and outdoor exercise and would love to see more of a focus on outdoor recreation - disc golf, kayaking, fishing, hiking, and biking etc.	10/10/2018 7:53 PM
84	Thank you for everything that you do for the community. We have lived here for 16 years now and I love living in a family community.	10/10/2018 11:37 AM
85	Splash pads do NOT need to be bright and pastel in color. We saw really classy ones in the Paris suburb of Vincennes this summer. They merged with the park landscape.	10/10/2018 10:46 AM
86	A splash pad would be excellent in Rockford please. Also, increasing handicapped accessibility for children in wheelchairs, like a wheelchair swing. Thank you.	10/10/2018 9:57 AM
87	None	10/10/2018 6:08 AM
88	Adding some emergency phones on the white pine trail would make women feel safer, as well as the older people who wxceecise there.	10/10/2018 5:47 AM
89	SPLASH PAD	10/10/2018 5:21 AM

90	Would love to see more festivities. Miss the ice festival and Celtic fest they used to have.	10/9/2018 9:47 PM
91	Rockford is beautiful and we love being part of the community. I wish there were more family restaurants and shops near by. We have to hike out to alpine or Knapp's corner for stores all the time. The rockford population has grown but the services offer in the area are much slower to move in.	10/9/2018 9:31 PM
92	Keep up the good work!	10/9/2018 9:30 PM
93	Thanks for all you do!	10/9/2018 9:28 PM
94	Splash pad!!	10/9/2018 9:12 PM
95	I am all for a skatepark! School sports in Rockford are difficult to get into and there are tons of kids that skateboard. Kids/teens that aren't able to participate in school sports need a place to gather.	10/9/2018 9:06 PM
96	Please build a large splash pad with great parking and clean bathrooms	10/9/2018 9:05 PM
97	We really need a splash pad/water park area!!!	10/9/2018 8:30 PM
98	Rockford needs more for our youth to do.	10/9/2018 8:30 PM
99	Please please please put in a splash park and new playground! If you build it, moms will come! <input type="checkbox"/>	10/9/2018 8:30 PM
100	Splash pad please. I would even be willing to pay a small entry fee if they would keep it clean and keep non Rockford area residents out.	10/9/2018 8:13 PM
101	Give skateboarders a place to go. Growing up in Rockford as a skateboarder, and now being a parent with kids in Rockford, it's sad how skateboarders are treated.	10/9/2018 8:12 PM
102	We need more parking in town	10/9/2018 8:09 PM
103	An amphitheater with concessions and ability to transform into winter skating rink (ala Rosa Parks in GR) could be a great year-round draw.	10/9/2018 7:49 PM
104	Please and thank you.	10/9/2018 7:22 PM
105	A splash pad would be great!	10/9/2018 7:21 PM
106	I would love to see more tennis courts or basketball courts in parks in the area. These spaces at the schools are always occupied by teams and camps instead of community members.	10/9/2018 7:02 PM
107	Parking is always an issue. Maybe offer shuttles from the schools on a consistent schedule	10/9/2018 7:00 PM
108	Thank you!	10/9/2018 6:59 PM
109	Splash pad would be great to have in Rockford.	10/9/2018 6:54 PM
110	Appreciate that you put this survey together to gather input from the residents	10/9/2018 6:50 PM
111	A splash pad would be awesome!	10/9/2018 6:43 PM
112	Another parking lot downtown :)	10/9/2018 6:41 PM
113	Please add a splash pad to a park in Rockford.	10/9/2018 6:41 PM
114	St Joseph has an awesome Splash Pad, good for adults and kids.	10/9/2018 6:33 PM
115	More seating at the dog park	10/9/2018 6:31 PM
116	Splash pad, please! Also updated play ground equipment	10/9/2018 6:30 PM
117	No	10/9/2018 6:17 PM
118	We would like a splash pad please.	10/9/2018 6:14 PM
119	Please, please consider some kind of water park/splash pad	10/9/2018 6:02 PM
120	I'm excited to hear that you're considering sprucing up our public spaces. People love Rockford but it has to continue to attract younger, new families and having impressive park space is something people talk about and use!	10/9/2018 5:45 PM
121	Please add in a splash pad. We travel often to other towns that have them and would much rather save our gas, buy local lunch or treats and enjoy a splash pad in our back yard town vs. Driving out of the town spending money elsewhere.	10/9/2018 5:39 PM

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122	The area could be so much prettier with more benches and flowers by the grass near the dam where concerts are held. Food trucks would be fun during concerts. More concerts, not just praise in the park. The open Mic nights don't really draw much of a crowd. Friday nights would be great. Look at the canal in the village of Pittsford, NY. They have a great model.	10/9/2018 5:37 PM
123	Just fix the trail in heritage park :) otherwise it's great!	10/9/2018 5:29 PM

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